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RUSSIANS TO WITHDRAW FROM KOREA

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Former Premier Hanged

Rangoon, May 8. Former Premier U Saw and five conspirators were hanged at dawn today for the attempted coup and assassination of seven Cabinet members last July 19.

U Saw was executed at 5.15 a.m. The others followed him at the execution grounds at intervals. Witnesses said U Saw was smiling and muttering Buddhist prayers as he went to his death.

The executions were conducted at the Rangoon and Insein jails. An official announcement said the last of the group died at 6.30 a.m.

U Saw hanged alone as a last-minute concession. He had objected to the planned double execution as undignified.

Witnesses said U Saw strode calmly to the execution place and knelt briefly in prayer at the foot of the gallows. After walking unassisted up the earthen ramp he stood briefly at attention on the scaffold. He donned a white tunic worn by all persons executed in Burma.

U Saw's hands were manacled behind him and the white death hood was slipped quickly over his head. When rope was set in place and without delay the trap was sprung by a jaller.

Little Attention

Rangoon seemed to pay little attention. There was nothing out of the usual early morning sounds.

The three condemned as the actual triggermen who assassinated U Aung San, Burma's Strong Man, and the other ministers died on the Insein jail gallows after U Saw.

They were Thet Hnin, Homon Gyi and Maung Soe. Two others, Maung Soe and Yaung Aung, convicted as conspirators, were hanged in Rangoon jail.

Witnesses at the execution place, barred to all save officials and Government cameramen, said only Homon Gyi tried to speak. He began a sentence but the noise cut it short.

Some said he uttered as though he said to the rope, "I die for Burma."

All six spent their last hours in Buddhist prayer. U Saw interrupted his prayers for 15 minutes with his wife and 18-year-old daughter. His three sons said he ate normally and appeared unafraid to die.

It was not immediately known whether the Government would grant a request by U Saw's wife that his grave in the convict cemetery be marked. This usually is not allowed.—Associated Press.

Palestine Mail Warning

It is notified that as from May 15 the present Post Office in Palestine will cease to function.

No responsibility can be accepted for any postings to Palestine after the following dates:—

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Pending further information, mail for Palestine will be restricted to ordinary correspondence by surface route, but such correspondence will be accepted "entirely at sender's risk, and no guarantee of delivery can be given."

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Invasion Of South Korea Feared

Seoul, May 8.

The Soviet occupation commander announced today that arrangements have been made for immediate withdrawal of Russian troops from North Korea "to make American troops withdraw from Korea simultaneously."

The announcement of Lieutenant-General Korotkov, broadcast by the Pyongyang radio, came as new violence flared in American-occupied South Korea where a free election to name a constituent assembly will be held on Monday.

One election official was shot to death and a building housing three newspapers was burned.

Korotkov, the radio, said, made the announcement in a letter to Kim Dae Bong, chairman of the North Korea Labour Party and chairman of the recent Communist-dominated "unity" conference at Pyongyang.

The letter said that the Soviet Government "knows very well and emphasises well the aspirations of the Korean people to found a united, democratic, independent Korea."

It concluded, "The Government of the U.S.S.R. has had the necessary arrangements made for the immediate withdrawal of its troops from Korea in order to make the American troops withdraw from Korea simultaneously."

Communist Campaign

High American authorities, who declined to be quoted by name, called the letter "another propaganda shot" at United States efforts to create a unified Korean Government.

The letter did not say Soviet troops would withdraw, but that the Soviet Government "has had the necessary arrangements made" for the withdrawal.

They said the same conditions prevailed at the time the suggestion was first made by the Soviets.

Both the Soviet Union and Korean Communists have been campaigning of late for withdrawal of American troops from the southern zone. The Pyongyang conference urged withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea to let the Korean people choose their own government.

Korotkov expressed sympathy with the demands of the conference and recalled that the Soviet Government made the same proposal in the United States-Soviet joint commission and before the United Nations Assembly.

U.S. officials had anticipated the move for a long time. Many South Koreans fear that once American troops pull out the North Korean Army—of some 200,000 men—would overrun the South.

Korean police said the killing of the election official and the burning of the newspaper building was the first outbreak of Communist pre-election terror in Seoul.

Other parts of South Korea and the adjacent island off the south coast have been the scene of many previous acts of terrorism which American authorities say were fomented by Communists opposed to the election.

Since February nearly 400 Koreans have been killed. Fifteen of these were election officials. Forty six other election workers have been wounded.

Grim Prediction

A gang stopped a train near Seoul last night and destroyed its steam valves. Another gang ran locomotives into each other head on between Taegon and Chongju. Power lines were cut at four points.

Early this week Lieut. Gen. John R. Hodges, U.S. Military Commander in South Korea, declared that a Communist government would be announced soon by "North Korean stooges of Soviet masters."

The background for that grim prediction was this: The Russians, who occupy the Northern half of the country, re-

Frozen Eggs For Britain

Shanghai, May 8. The first shipment of 1,100 tons of frozen eggs out of a contracted 7,000 tons valued at \$214,500 is due to leave here today aboard a Japanese ship for the United Kingdom. Valued at \$210 per ton, the second shipment of 1,250 tons will be taken to England next week by a Butterfield and Swire vessel. By the end of May, 5,000 out of the 7,000 tons are expected to have been shipped to Britain.—Central News.

Pottinger Street Bomb Scare

Shouts of "Fire" and "Bomb" rang through Pottinger Street at 8.30 p.m. yesterday after an unidentified Chinese man threw a smouldering parcel on to the street and ran away.

He alighted from a rickshaw in Queen's Road, Central, and was walking down Pottinger Street when one of the two parcels he was carrying began to smoulder.

He dropped both parcels and disappeared.

Pedestrians and shopkeepers sought shelter, sensing "terrorist" action.

The Fire Brigade was called and an appliance from Central Station doused the smoulder. Fire Brigade analysts believe the parcel contained potassium chloride, an inflammable chemical.

Anti-Chinese Gangs Condemned

Bangkok, May 8. Field Marshal Phibun Songkram, at an interview with Central News this evening, described all anti-Chinese gangs which arose after he became the Chief Executive of Siam as "illegal elements" whose activities would no longer be tolerated by the police authorities.

Premier Phibun condemned the action taken by members of the so-called "Baled Tuses" who recently posted on city walls leaflets urging the people to tear down all Chinese business signboards as a protest against the alleged plans by the Chinese to "colonise" or "swallow up" Siam as reported by some newspapers last month.

He said: "I hate to see this nonsense happen."

When asked about his opinion on the activities of Chinese Communists in Siam, Premier Phibun said: "All foreigners staying in Siam should observe the law of Siam. Foreigners, who are engaged in political activities, had better spend their energy in their own country."—Central News.

TRAM JUMPS RAILS

Passengers travelling on a Kennedy Town tram yesterday morning were given a shock when the tram jumped the rails near Whitty Street.

Sudden application of the brakes to avoid a collision with a motor truck was said to be the reason for the derailment.

A repair squad from Canal Road had the tram back on the track within an hour.

All Quiet At Lau Fau Shan

"Candidly, I won't dare to say whether this peace and quietness will continue," said a Police officer when asked by the "Sunday Herald" yesterday whether he thought that Friday's combined operations have scared the pirates from their lair at Lau Fau Shan.

No one, he added, would be rash enough to state definitely whether the armed gang had deserted their hide-out and returned to the Chinese territories or whether they are still in the hills.

As none of them had been seen by the Police, there is still the possibility that they might have come down to Pak Mai by one of the numerous paths and mingled with the villagers.

China's First Elected Legislature Opens

Nanking, May 8.

China began representative government today in the midst of threatening new economic storms. The nation's first popularly elected legislature in 2,000 years of recorded history held its opening ceremony this morning.

The event was attended by 370 of 773 delegates. It was simple and unimpressive.

It was opened with a few remarks from Wu Te-chen, Chairman of the Preparatory Committee. Then the 76-year-old Kung Keng, Kuomintang elder, led the delegates in the National Anthem.

Afterwards in unison they bowed three times before a large oil painting of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. The whole procedure finished in 20 minutes.

Chiang Kai-shek had been invited to speak but failed to attend.

The meeting of the legislature should have been the milestone ending the dominant Kuomintang Party's unchallenged control of the Government, instead it appeared to bear evidence to a charge made in the past week, that the party intends to retain its grip.

During the past five days the price of the nation's basic food, rice, has shot up from CN\$3,000,000 per 135-pound pail to around CN\$5,000,000. Similarly, cotton has nearly doubled.—Associated Press.

Peaceful Appearance

The Ping Shan-Lau Fau village area itself yesterday presented a most peaceful appearance. There was no sign of any activity on the part of either the Police or pirates.

Guerrillas, they pointed out, invariably adopt the wily and sly tactics and attack only small parties. With the slightest sign of punitive action being taken against them these fighters would retreat to their hide-out and lay low for a time.

Police patrols were withdrawn the whole day, although launches were still patrolling Deep Bay. A small party, armed with Sten guns and rifles, was sent out to Pak Mai in the evening.

One of the men who took part in the combined operations said that to clear the area would need an armed force of approximately 3,000 men.

Anyone, he said, with a knowledge of the topography of the area would realise the futility of attempting to clear the six square miles of rugged mountain ridges, covered with deep ravines and dense undergrowth, with a comparatively small force.

"The men we are after," he said, "know the place as well as they know the palms of their hands and could disappear in next to no time. On the other hand, the invaders, if they see some men on a ridge that is beyond rifle range, have to make wide detours to get within shooting distance. By then, their quarry would have disappeared into thin air."

CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELECTIONS' POLITICAL CHARACTER

Contest for the chairmanship and vice-chairmanship of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, will climax on May 19 when a full committee meeting will fix a date for the election of a new chairman and vice-chairman will be elected.

For the first time in the history of the Chamber, leadership of this major Chinese commercial institution in the Colony is being contested on party lines, with all the characteristics of a political electioneering campaign.

Coming to the fore is the Progressive Party which have reportedly been actively manoeuvring for power ever since the Chamber's membership was increased by some 3,000 early in the year. This more than doubled the pre-war membership.

The latest issue which has been waiting a decision for the last two months is the further introduction of another 3,000 new applicants for membership whose eligibility for admission the existing committee have refused to consider on the ground of the abnormally large number.

Swamping of the Chamber with 3,000 new members would mean relegating the original members to the back ground and, observers point out, would sway the result of the forthcoming election in favour of certain interests.

After two heated discussions in committee, it was decided that these new members should be left over to the new incoming committee after the election—a course which should elicit no objection from these applicants themselves, but which might mean all the difference for those who might count upon the votes which they would cast, if they were admitted as members before the election.

Bitter exchanges took place at the last committee meeting on April 29 when by a majority a resolution at a previous meeting to postpone consideration of the status of the 3,000 new applicants for membership, was confirmed.

The Chamber's conservative party, or pre-war members, show no intention of giving way to this threat. They hold the standing committee is well within its power to postpone consideration of admission of any new member.

Latest development in the fight to get the bloc of 3,000 new applicants admitted to membership before election is a joint protest from 275 organisation members of the Chamber. This protest will be on the agenda of the general committee meeting on May 19.

Running against Bonomi was Communist Umberto Terracini, former President of the Constituent Assembly. Granchi's opponent was Communist Front candidate Ferdinando Targetti, 34, left wing Socialist.

The historic and colourful inaugural meeting opened at 10 a.m. with the Senators sitting in the 16th Century Madama Palace and the Deputies in the 17th Century Montecitorio Palace.

Three hundred and thirty of the 344 elected Senators and 516 of the 874 Deputies were present. There were 21 scattered or blank ballots in the Senate and 39 in the Assembly.

The new Parliament will rule Italy for five years. The formal opening coincided with the 100th anniversary of the beginning of National Parliamentary institutions in Italy.—United Press.

No further development has been reported in the proposed Debtor-Creditor Ordinance situation since the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce lodged their protest with Government.

Mr. Percy Chen, barrister, is reported to have, in response to invitation of certain members of the Chamber, agreed to act as adviser to the Chamber in regard to any further representations or action in this matter.

A meeting of the committee to study this question will be held tomorrow afternoon to consider any action to be taken.

Some members say there will be no reversal of the Chamber's request to the Government for withdrawal of the proposed Ordinance.

Eight-Hour Downpour

During the eight-hour downpour yesterday starting from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. only 2.23 inches of rainfall was recorded by the Royal Observatory. The mark was 1.17 inches short of the record of 3.40 inches the Colony has kept since 1880.

The maximum hourly rainfall was 0.81 inch, which was recorded at 12 p.m. when it was pouring "cats and dogs."

The hourly chart starting from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. read: 8.3 mm., 12.6 mm., 2.9 mm., 0.1 mm., 7.0 mm., 20.5 mm., 3.7 mm., 0.8 mm. and 0.7 mm.

The weather cleared by noon and it was bright sunshine from about 4 p.m. onwards.

It may be recalled that the maximum rainfall recorded within 24 hours between 3 a.m. on May 29 and 5 p.m. on May 30, 1880, was 34.11 inches.

The Weather

A moderate anti-cyclone centred near Shanghai is moving slowly eastward. A trough of low pressure from a depression over Manchuria extends southward over the South China Sea and the Philippines.

Today's Forecast: Moderate East to S.E. winds gradually veering East to E. Cloudy with a few showers in second half of the night and early morning, becoming fair by the afternoon.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 82.1 deg. F. Minimum: 73.7 deg. F. Sunshine: 12 hours. Rainfall: 56.6 mm. = 2.23 in. Total since Jan. 1—256.8 mm. = 10.11 in. as against an average of 88.3 mm. = 3.48 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Bar. at m.s.l. 1011.6 1009.2 m.b. Equal 28.87 28.80 inches. Dew Point 75 75 deg. F. Humidity 75 75 % Wind Direction Calm E Wind Force Zero 7 knots.

Osaka, May 8. Clouds and rain in afternoon today halted all streetcars and subway trains for two minutes in protest against the wave of mass executions in Greece.—United Press.

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VITAL ELECTIONS IN SOUTH KOREA

Soul, May 7.

Because Sunday's eclipse of the sun is considered a
 bad omen, elections to a representative Assembly
 in American-occupied South Korea will be
 held on Monday instead.

Instead of the eclipse, however, South Korea may
 have a partial electricity blackout on Election
 Day. Pyongyang Radio, in the Soviet-occupied
 northern part of the country, said today the
 power supply from the northern zone would be
 discontinued, though it did not say when.

German Plan "Useless"

Berlin, May 7.

The British authorities to-
 day condemned as a "useless,
 unnecessary and undesirable
 manoeuvre" the plan of the
 Communist-sponsored German
 "People's Congress" to con-
 duct a "people's petition" on
 German unity in all the zones
 of Germany between May 23
 and June 13.

The petition will ask all Ger-
 mans to indicate their approval
 of a draft law stating that Ger-
 many is an indivisible democra-
 tic Republic in which the
 provinces retain those rights ac-
 corded to them under the Ger-
 man Reich Constitution of
 August, 1919.

An official British statement
 said: "The people's petition" is
 not a genuine attempt to ascer-
 tain the wishes of the German
 people, but aims at hiding the
 responsibility of its promoters
 for the present division of Ger-
 many.

"The German people them-
 selves must pass judgment on it
 even if signatures were obtained
 to the people's petition in its
 present form from every Ger-
 man man, woman and child.
 This would prove nothing that is
 not already well-known," the
 statement said.

"On all important questions af-
 fecting the future of Germany,
 the British authorities are pre-
 pared to listen to those who can
 justly claim to speak in the
 name of the German people,"
 Reuter.

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 signed on or before that date.

Dated the 8th of May, 1948.

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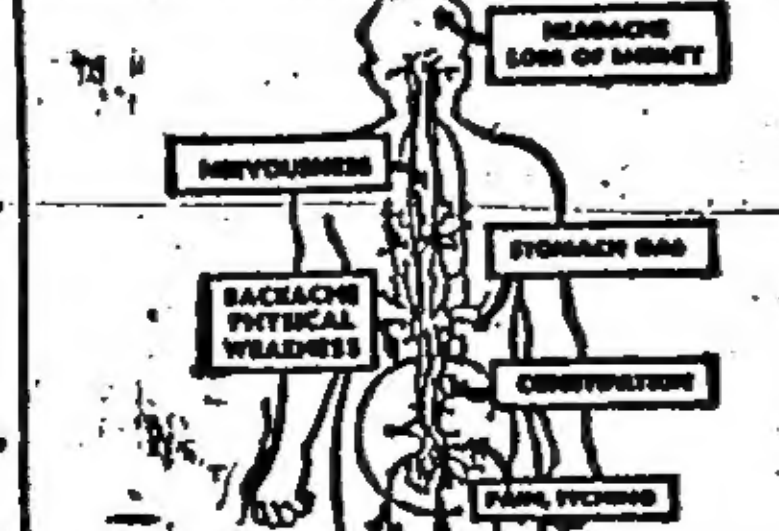
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Canterbury & Palestine

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 gether with other religious
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 open to them to ensure that
 the United Nations, or any
 other authorities concerned,
 would maintain free access to
 the Holy places and would
 guarantee the human rights
 and liberties of all men in
 Palestine.—Reuter.

Ten Jews Killed

Haifa, May 8.

The Haganah today reported
 that ten of its men had been
 killed in the Arab village of
 Shejara on the main road from
 Acre to Jewish held Tiberias.

The Haganah men, stayed in
 the village to enforce truce terms
 and disarm the population after
 the inhabitants had run up white
 flags as a surrender signal.

The Haganah claimed the cap-
 ture from the Arabs of two
 dominating police forts in the
 battle for control of the upper
 Galilee town of Safad from
 which British troops withdrew a
 fortnight ago. Safad has a popu-
 lation of 1,800 Jews and nearly
 10,000 Arabs.

Haganah sources said that the
 purpose of their operations was
 to secure the safety of the Jewish
 population.

A British sergeant was killed
 and 150 soldiers wounded in a
 jeep while travelling from Haifa
 to Acre with serum for British
 Army doctors fighting the typhoid
 epidemic among Arabs in Acre.
 —Reuter.

DUTCH M.P.'S IN LONDON

London, May 8.

The Netherlands Parliament
 delegation visiting London today
 had lunch with the Prime Min-
 ister, Mr. Clement Attlee.
 Earlier they were received by
 the Lord Mayor of London, Sir
 Frederick Wells, and visited
 some of the city's bombed sites.
 After a reception at The
 Netherlands Embassy tonight,
 the delegation were invited to a din-
 ner by Colonel Clifton Brown,
 the Speaker of the House of
 Commons.—Reuter.

MESSAGE FOR TRUMAN

New York, May 8.

An American woman returned
 from Italy on Tuesday with this
 personal message from a Naples
 taxi-driver to President Truman.
 "Tell him we are going to get
 rid of our Communists before you
 do in America."

Mrs. Henry Gullidge, wife of
 an official in the Standard Oil
 Company of Egypt, who arrived
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 driver thought she would have no
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US Export Controls

Washington, May 7.

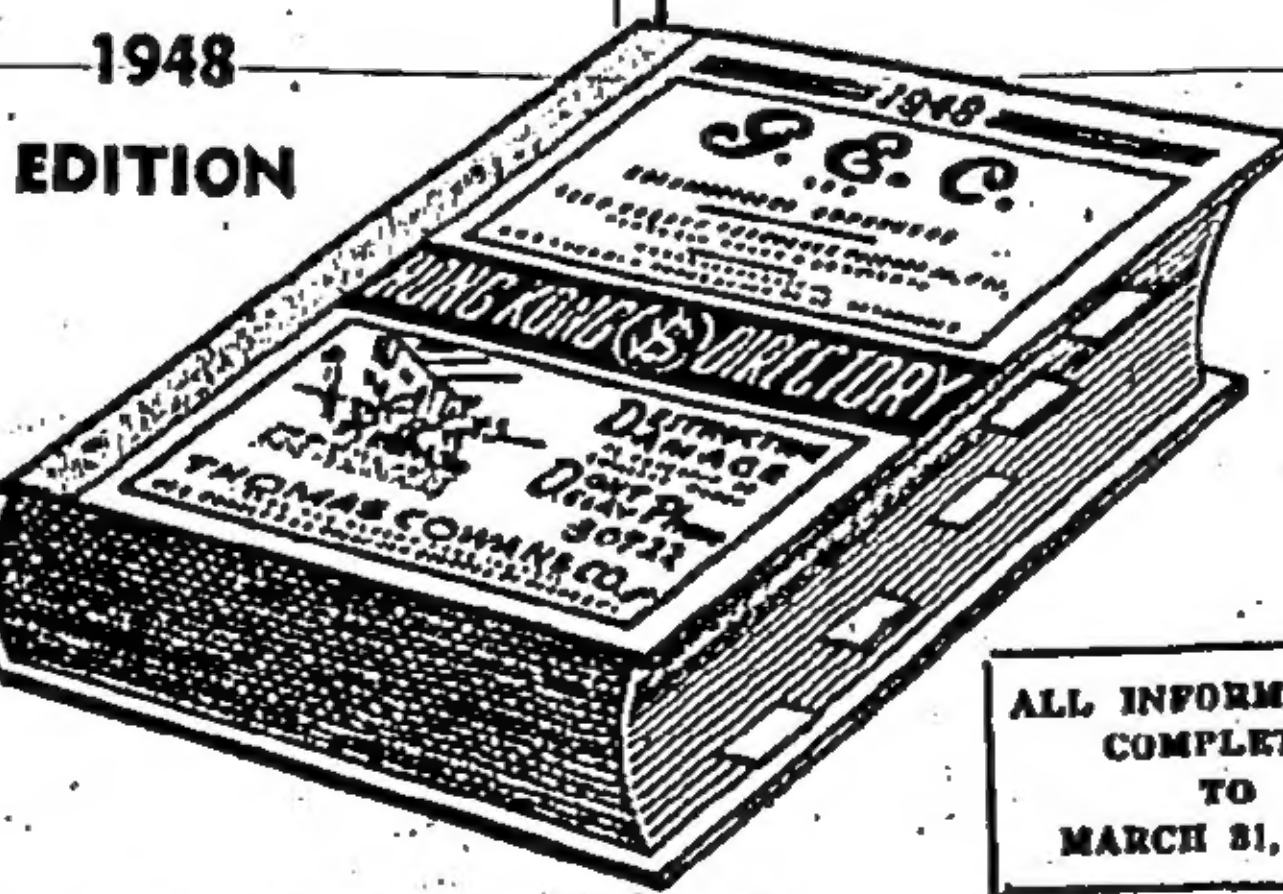
Mr. Charles Sawyer, Secretary
 of Commerce, said today a new
 statement on the American policy
 on export controls would be
 issued within the next few days.

Mr. Sawyer, who had just left
 a Cabinet meeting, said the whole
 question of trade between the
 East and the West was involved
 in export controls and in that
 sense they had a definite relation-
 ship to the Marshall aid pro-
 gramme. Export controls would
 probably be discussed by the
 Cabinet before approval of the
 recommendations now in pre-
 paration, he added.

Mr. Sawyer said American
 steel producers had tentatively
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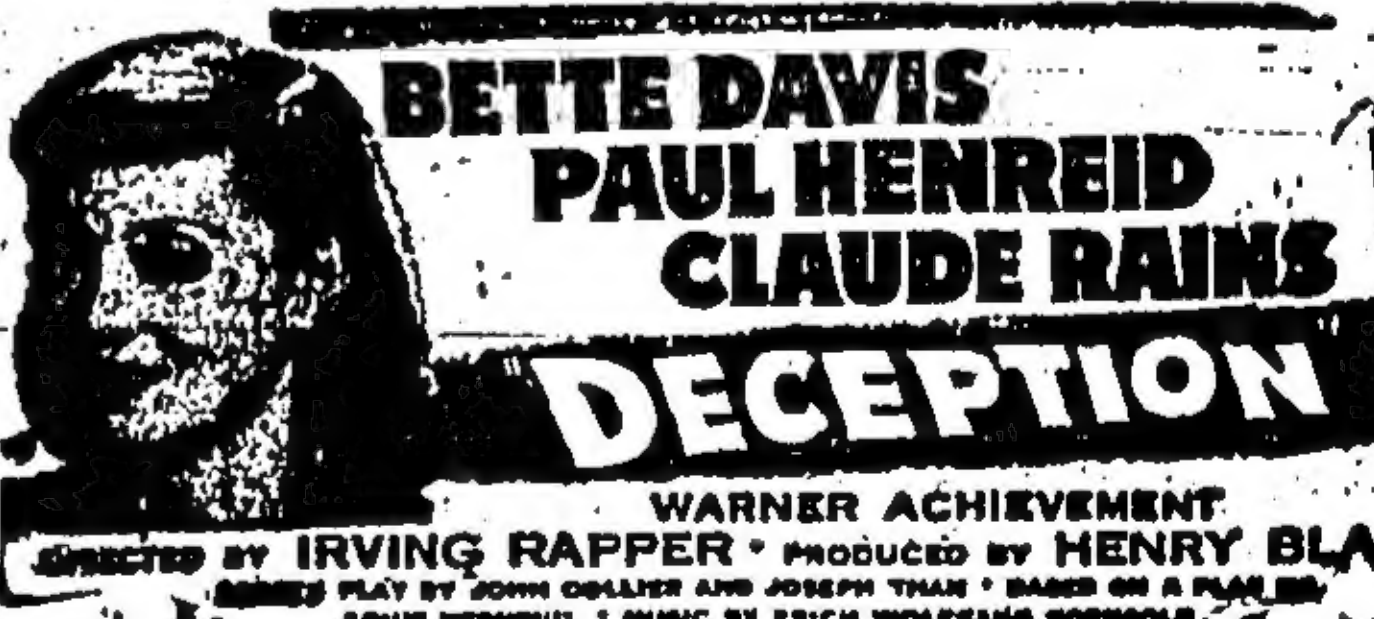
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An Article That Will Be Studied In Moscow REPORT ON THE UNSEEN WAR

This article is written by a former member
of the British Intelligence Division in Germany.

The attempt by three Russian officers to kidnap a woman in the American Zone of Vienna for what, it is thought, were "political motives" is merely another indication of the struggle which is taking place between the Intelligence Services of the Russian and Western Powers. For it would be surprising if the Russian officers concerned were not either M.V.D. officers or at least acting on behalf of that sinister Russian organization.

It is not the purpose of this article to reveal anything which could be of assistance to the Russian Intelligence officers who will certainly scrutinize it. But it will come as no surprise to either Russian or British Intelligence when the fact is published that the state of unseen warfare, between the two services is now at boiling point.

The main battleground is the Western Zone of Germany. Here the struggle is being fought out, to decide who shall own the soul of Germany, the forces of Western true Democracy or Totalitarianism. The fight is a fierce, secret, and ruthless. Only now and again some incident such as the Vienna affair—some indiscretion, some bungled abduction—flashes into the limelight to indicate what is going on.

The struggle is largely political, for much as the Russians hate to believe it, we have nothing in the British Zone to hide—no secret German army, no huge factories clandestinely manufacturing arms, ammunition, and secret weapons; no economic statistics which the Russians could not acquire by simply asking for them, if they chose to adopt such—for them—ingenious methods.

The Objective

The objective of the Russians is simple. They hope to increase the influence of the German Communist Party by riots, food disorders, and civil chaos leading to starvation of an already hungry people; and, by propaganda and appeals to German national desires, create a picture of a unified Germany under benevolent Soviet protection. To the latter end they are striving to create a powerful Socialist Unity Party, fusing eventually the Communist Party and such recruits as they can seduce from the Social Democratic Party. This party would then demand union with the Eastern Zone.

The Eastern Zone, largely plundered of factories, is already integrated into the Soviet economy. It is for the mastery of the Western Zone, and in particular the highly industrialized British Zone, that "one of the most bitter grapples in the history of Secret Services" is being fought on. For without British Intelligence the "Eyes and Ears of the Occupation"—the Control Commission, reluctant as they are to admit it, is powerless to frame policy, powerless to counteract Soviet intrigue.

The Russian Intelligence Service is good. Make no mistake about that. Centuries of underground struggle against the Czarist regime have bred into their bones a natural aptitude for the work. Whether they called themselves the Ochrana, the Cheka, the OGPU, the NKVD, or finally, as now, the MVD, they have been, with the possible exception of the British, the best Secret Service in the world.

Further, the Soviet Government takes its Intelligence Service very seriously indeed. It supplies it with ample recruits, ample funds, ample facilities, and almost unlimited power. Further, and equally important, it gives it complete moral support. It would be comforting to be able to say that to face such a formidable opponent the British Government, and in particular the Control Commission, is giving wholehearted and unstinted support to its own Intelligence Division in Germany. Such is far from being the case.

Cinderella

The plain fact is that "Intelligence" is the Cinderella of the various departments of the Control Commission. For the workings of an Intelligence organization are something which the bureaucratic, red-tape-bound mind cannot grasp.

Restrictions in finding accommodation for those who assist us, restrictions on the use of petrol and transport, restrictions in the matter of extra rations, cigarettes, clothes, for our friends, are only a few of the frustrations with which our people have to contend.

And many a young Intelligence officer in Germany today is sacrificing his own ration of cigarettes and schnapps in order that he may do his job to his own satisfaction.

Therein lies part of the tragedy. The majority of the officers are men with a crusading spirit, convinced that they are doing a really vital job. Otherwise they would not be there. There are no other inducements.

They are, too few in numbers; they are clerically understaffed; they are grossly underpaid in the lower grades—I know of one brilliant young officer who with his wife and child, is trying to live on £20 a month, which is all that he is allowed to draw locally. They live very often in depressing surroundings, on monotonous rations.

There is at present no security of tenure, no promise that if they do well their future is assured. Finally, it may be stated quite frankly that Intelligence is un-

popular with other divisions. At one time this may have been partly due to fear—fear that Intelligence might uncover undesirable activities. That reason no longer exists; the Control Commission today behaves no better and no worse than any other colonial or provincial administration. But, lacking really adequate facilities, Intelligence is compelled to beg, cadge, plead, and cajole; it is, in fact, a nuisance to the somewhat hide-bound officials of Control Commission, Germany.

Obstructions

This, then, is a brief glimpse of the organization which Whitehall considers adequate to throw against the Muscovite machine. It is doing a first-class job of work. It is clever, hard-working, keen, and, by now, fairly experienced. It is doing work which is not, perhaps, of the safest in an unsafe world. If the Russians over-run the Zone tomorrow its officers will be not like dogs. But it could do better.

The fault lies with that amorphous collection of individuals known as the Treasury. Impossible to pin-point, impossible to attack individually, somebody must somehow persuade it that a few more thousands spent on our Intelligence Division in Germany may prove to be an economy which, in the end, may save millions, perhaps hundreds of millions. At the moment they are thinking along precisely the opposite lines.

But that is not sufficient. Money itself is of little use. Pettifoggish bumbledom and red tape must be eliminated, so that

the money may be readily converted to the only things which matter in Germany: food, cigarettes, schnapps, and certain essential articles of warm clothing. The Americans have solved the problem. So can we. (Whitehall would only give to its Intelligence a fraction of the material and moral support accorded by the Soviet Government to theirs. The present disparity is a scandal.)

War Talk

Secondly, in view of the red tape and obstructionism encountered from other C.C.G. Divisions, Intelligence should be divorced entirely from C.C.G. and controlled, and—above all—supplied, direct from England. It should no longer be necessary to rely upon the doubtful cooperation of none-too-helpful temporary Civil Servants in Germany.

Thirdly, salaries and prospects, particularly in the lower grades, must be improved; the difference between an Intelligence Officer, Grade 3, and an English driver in Germany is a matter of £1 or so a week.

Whitehall would, no doubt, deny the facts. Fortified by the smooth phrases contained in the reports of so-called fact-finding committees, Whitehall would, no doubt, assert that "In the opinion of H.M. Government, Intelligence Division in Germany is adequately staffed and adequately supplied to carry out the functions assigned to it."

I categorically assert that, through no fault of the division, this is not the case, and that improvements can and should be made in the shortest possible time. The work of the division

is of inestimable importance—and the sands are running out. Meanwhile the work goes on—in an atmosphere where the civil population talk of little but the war which, they are convinced, is to come. Refugees arrive, rumours fly around.

Here is a man accused of "spying for the Western Powers." He has received the "water treatment," reserved for the winter months. Placed naked in a cell and ice-cold water flung over him, the "dose" repeated every ten minutes. He was lucky. He was only "sentenced" to four hours of it. Sometimes it lasts fourteen hours. He survived. He has a story to tell. All he wants from us is a room, just a little room to live in. Intelligence cannot give him one, they have not the power.

Another arrives with his family. He was arrested and accused of the same thing, beaten up, and finally told he could spy on his fellow countrymen or he and his family would be deported to Russia.

And here is a woman. But I will omit her story. Not all Russians are so brutal. But it is small wonder that our Intelligence officers in Germany are fired with a grim, relentless sense of purpose that they swear they will never fall alive into the hands of their Soviet counterparts.

Life At Stake

And that as they plan and sift and check they cry in effect: "Supplies—give us more supplies! You in England don't know what is happening here. You don't appreciate what we are up against. The Americans do—but Whitehall doesn't!"

It is of course, the old tragic story repeated so often in our Empire's history. The men on the ground must improvise and perform miracles, while the Civil Servants at home reserve to themselves the right to criticize. Only this time the stake is life itself.

PATRICK CAMPBELL'S PIECE

Suddenly, the ebb-flow, and undertow of the social whirl find me escorting a mature poetess and a French bulldog to a champagne show in the neighbourhood of Great Portland-street.

The bulldog is a black and shining brute of immense vitality, called Toby in the home, and Sylvain of Fossewood professionally.

The poetess is pale and ethereal, and when we meet on the steps of the hall she is having considerable trouble with a plate of cold hors-d'oeuvre—two digestive biscuits, a walking-slick, her handbag, and, of course, the dog.

I suggest that I take the leash. I can see the home-maid bain up, and a stream of other French bulldogs pouring out of the hall to do battle with Toby for his lunch.

We mount the stairs, the poetess holding the leash between finger and thumb, while I take the strain lower down. Sylvain of Fossewood goes up the steps in a series of galvanic bounds.

"Gently, sweetly," croons the poetess—"that's the way, Gently, sweetly, all the day."

It seems to be a song aimed at the poetess. We enter the hall with a rush.

On the left of the door is a table. After a lot of disjointed explanation—the poetess is trying to find a safe place for Toby's lunch—we gather that Toby must be placed on the table for inspection by the vet.

The vet's helper—a fresh-faced, enthusiastic boy wearing a badge—stoops to pick up Sylvain. Sylvain growls once, and he is vanished.

Sylvain is no friend to veterinary surgeons. He was once given an injection by his own medical adviser. Now, when the medical adviser gets out of the bus Sylvain, a quarter of a mile away, rises from the sofa, opens his jaws, and waits.

The vet inspects Sylvain on the floor. In the meantime the poetess has placed the plate of cold hors-d'oeuvre in the care of the tea-counter lady, who receives it grudgingly.

We advance to find our stall. Most of the other dogs are now seated, on rugs, on their own, attended with brush, comb, and duster by their owners.

I prevent the poetess, going home to Hampstead to get an elderdown for Sylvain, and I shove him into his box. I place

a chair beside the box for the poetess.

Sylvain jumps out of his box. Eventually we achieve a compromise. The poetess sits in the box, while Sylvain sits on the chair.

We are introduced to the lady who bred Sylvain. She seizes him with expert hands, goes over him rapidly, and pronounces him to be in splendid shape. Sylvain submits to this with rigid dignity, and then turns and dabbles over my trousers. He knows what's safe, and what isn't.

Now the girl who will handle Sylvain appears. She wears glasses, and is faintly apprehensive.

"I suppose," she says, "it's just like leading a horse."

I know which I'd choose, but don't tell her.

We take our places on one of the wooden benches round the judging ring. Our turn comes. The girl in glasses pins on her number and takes charge of Sylvain.

"Gently, sweetly," murmurs the poetess anxiously, letting her hand rest on his.

Sylvain makes a short rush across the polished floor, and is reined back by the girl with glasses. His feet go from under him, and he comes down. He leaps up again and glares at the poetess—angrily with his moist and bulging eye.

She waves to him. "Gently, sweetly, Toby," she calls, "gently, sweetly, all the day...."

She turns to me. "I hope he wins the prize. A hundred pounds."

I have been looking at the catalogue. "It says here," I tell her, "that the first prize is two pounds. I hope we don't get the sixth. It's three shillings."

The poetess sighs. "It would pay the gardener for an hour."

By all that's wonderful, Sylvain comes second. He is beaten by a black and white dog who won the previous event. The man with the black and white dog takes off his hat as the decision is announced. He is wearing his number stuck in the band. The poetess and I think it looks ostentatious.

While we are waiting for the next event a woman sitting beside me says, "I've come all the way from Edinburgh to buy a French bulldog."

The woman to whom this observation is addressed disentangles herself from her own two

bulldogs. "You really should," she says. "You'll never regret it."

I have to laugh at that, it's no far side of the mark.

In goes Sylvain again. And once again, beaten by the black and white dog, he is second. The owner takes off his hat.

The poetess gathers up her walking-stick, handbag, catalogue and leash. "I don't see why a dog all over black spotsches should win every time," she says in a loud voice.

I urge her towards the door. At the tea-counter I ask if I can have Toby's plate of belted horse.

"Please do take it away," says the tea-lady distantly.

The poetess burrows in the paper bag. "Why," she cries, "someone's taken Toby's digestive biscuits! He always has two digestive biscuits before his horse. I brought them specially!"

I urge her down the stairs and into the street before the rioting begins.

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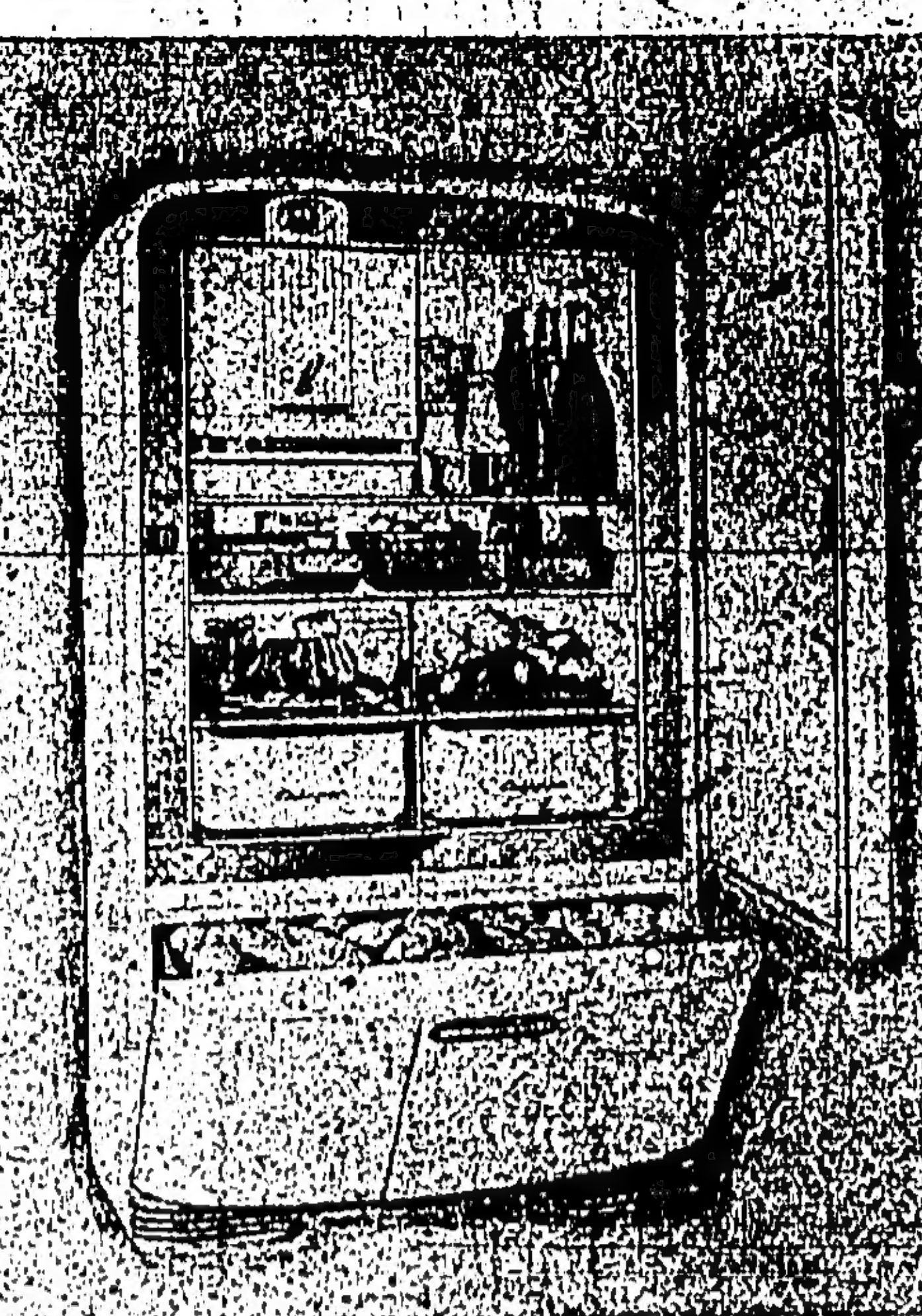
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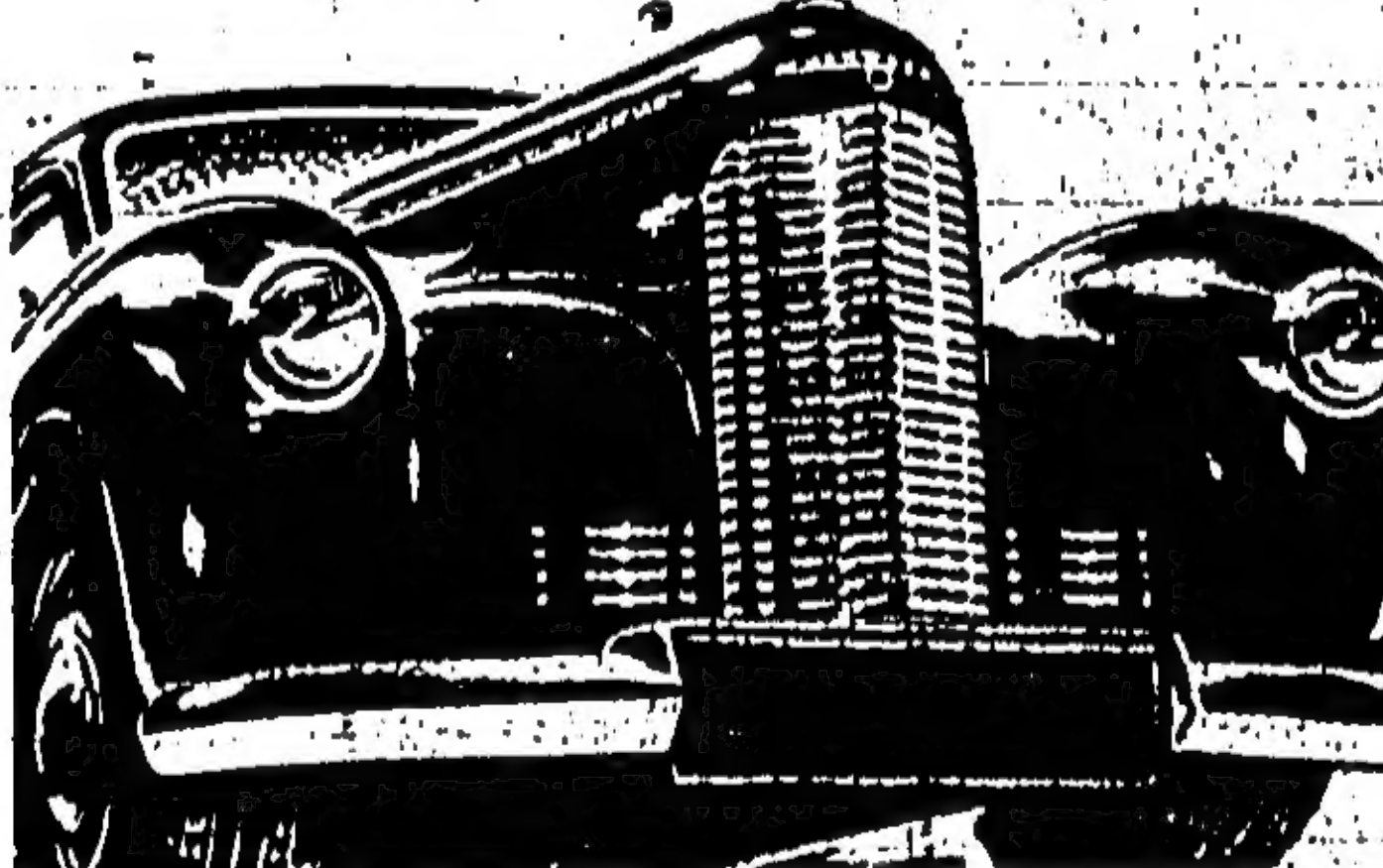
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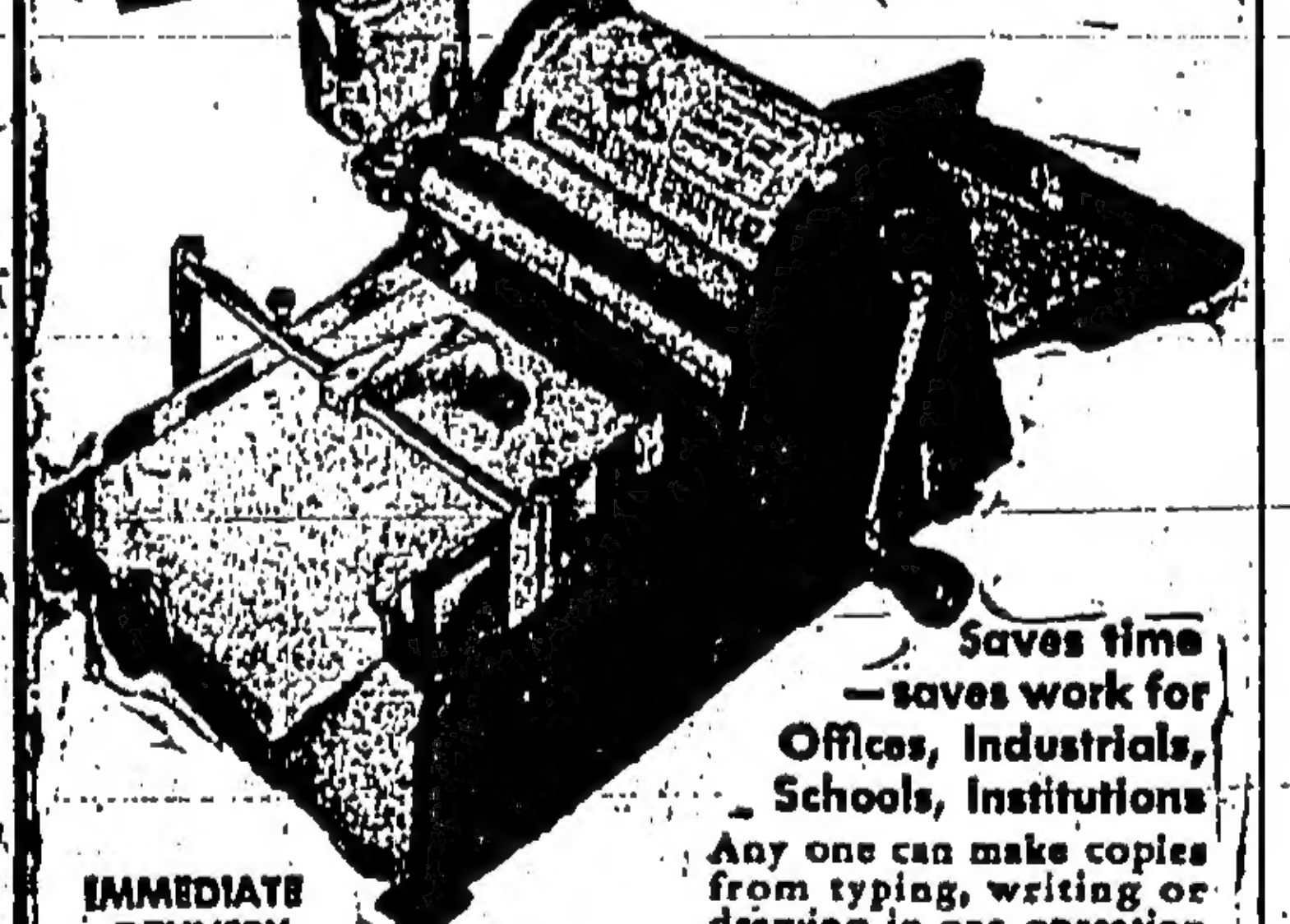


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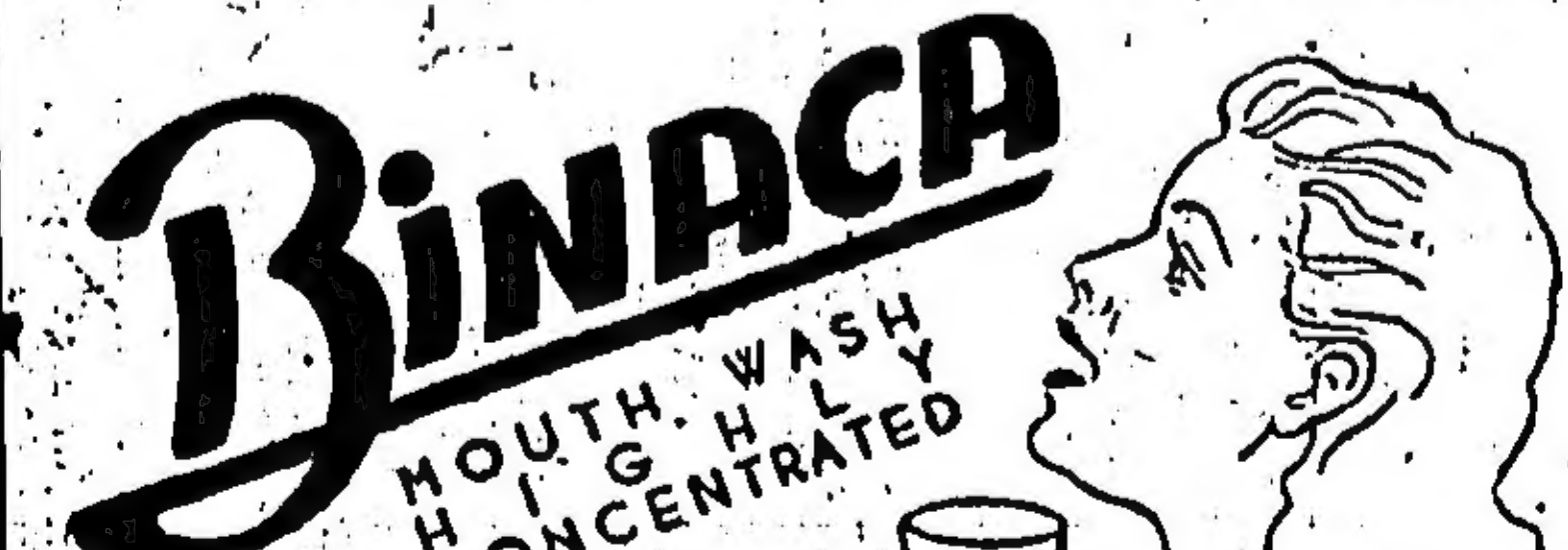


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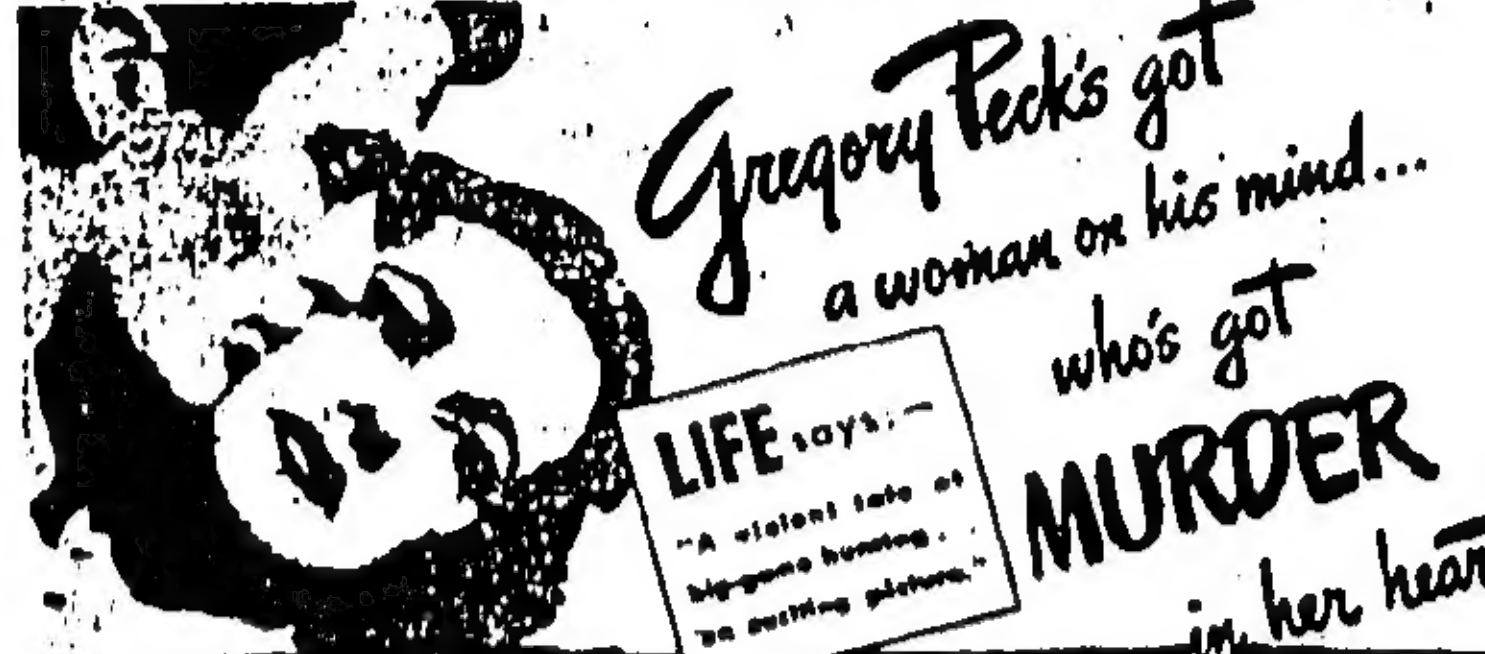
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MR. F. W. SHAFTAIN TO LEAVE

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Mr. F. W. Shaftain, head of the anti-corruption branch of the Police, who began his career in the Colony 38 years ago, is leaving on retirement aboard the "Canton" next Saturday. With Mrs. Shaftain he intends to visit England and probably South Africa with a view to settling down in either country. During his long service in the Colony, Mr. Shaftain has made many friends of different nationalities, and since the announcement of his departure he has received hundreds of calls from numerous well-wishers ranging from "tailors" to coolies.

Arriving in Hong Kong in 1912, Mr. Shaftain left two years later with the first contingent bound for active service in World War I. He joined the King's Royal Rifles and within six weeks of setting foot in England was sent to France. Mr. Shaftain saw service in various theatres and was wounded four times. Returning to the Colony in 1919, he was placed in charge of the Eastern district. In 1927 he was promoted to A.S.P. and two years later took the post of Asst. Director of C.I.D. On the outbreak of war in 1939, he became Director. Many Hong Kong-ites will remember Mr. Shaftain's connection with the sensational plan to measure the entire European community of the Colony on December 13, 1941. Zero hour was to have been on December 13, but information was received at 7 p.m. on December 11 that leaders of the underworld were gathering together. A meeting was held between them and police officials, headed by Mr. Shaftain, at the Cecil Hotel. By 5 a.m. the following morning they had come to terms with the underworld.

Mr. Shaftain was interned in Stanley, but shortly before the arrival of the British Forces in 1945 he managed to get out and set up an office under the nose of the Japanese with the object of locating the whereabouts of large quantities of arms which he knew to be in the hands of gangs in the Colony. During his investigation, Mr. Shaftain discovered that between 50 and 60 million Yen was deposited in the Hong Kong Bank in packages of 1 million each. When the Navy came in, his men seized it. "I used 20 million Yen in buying up arms, revolvers and even anti-tank guns from the gang leaders," said Mr. Shaftain. "In order that their underground organisations would be prevented from perpetrating wholesale looting and slaughter during the interim period following the liberation and the establishment of law and order. One of the men I had difficulty with," he added, "was a Chinese in charge of an organisation of 300 men who had flourished under the Japanese occupation and had been allowed to run gambling houses."

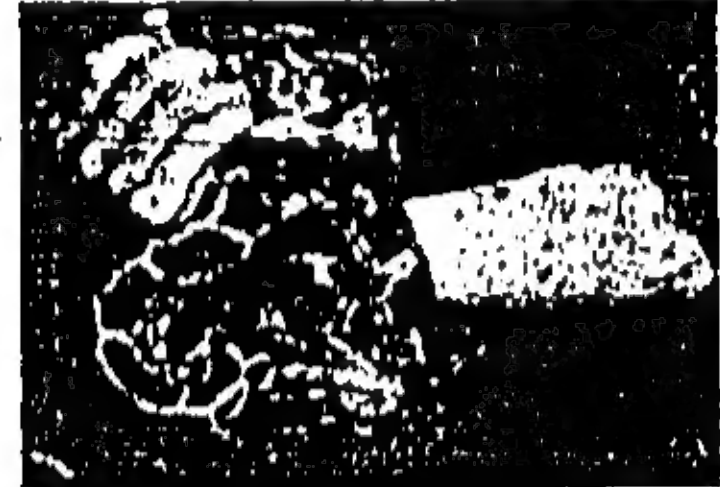
"When I came out of Stanley I met him and he offered his services to maintain law and order under the British. We had discovered his organisation had a large quantity of arms, so I accepted his services, but pointed out that as we could not allow indiscriminate people to go around the Colony carrying arms without permission, we would have to have names, addresses and photographs of all members of the gang in order to recognise them. The leader, in due course handed this list over. Then when the Navy arrived he was given 5 million Yen in return for all the organisation's arms. I then strongly advised him to get out of the Colony. He did, but returned and was arrested on the application of the Chinese authorities and deported. However, he was contacted by Japanese 24 hours later and executed."

"Prior also to the arrival of the Naval authorities there was another organisation of 2,000 men under the direction of a Mr. Shun. They also offered their services to the British Government through me, and were in possession of a large quantity of arms. As I had been told the British Navy was landing only 25 men, I was afraid there would be a great deal of looting, so I agreed. On the day of the liberation, however, this organisation began seizing everything it could lay hands on. We managed to put a stop to that, and I suggested to Mr. Shun we should find specific accommodation for his organisation members so that we would know exactly where to lay hands on them. This was done and I also paid him 10 million Yen whereby he handed over all the arms. I told him that on the application of the Chinese Government we would return them to the Government."

"Some time after the liberation, on October 2, 1945, Mr. Shaftain retired from the Force, and went to join his wife in Australia. Five months after he arrived there he received a telegram from the authorities in Hong Kong asking him to return at the earliest possible date, and he was told that his passage had been arranged by air. Asked whether his many years of investigation into crime had not tended to harden his views towards people, Mr. Shaftain replied: "No, it gives you an insight into the weaknesses of mankind. After over 30 years of criminal investigation I can think of only ten men who were really evil."

By Margaret Bradbury

You can invariably find something good or decent in the person no matter how bad the crime is. Most crime has an economic background and you will find that you place yourself in the same situation as the criminal the answer in many cases is that you would finish up in his place. Incidentally, Mr. Shaftain has frequently made himself responsible for the education of the children of criminals. "It has paid me to do so," he said. "I should think that only about 3 per cent have ever let me down. Some of them today are employed as interpreters, shopkeepers or chauffeurs. And they were of extreme value to me during the attack on Hong Kong when with the breakdown of police administration it was necessary to set up an outside organisation. In his investigation of criminals in the Colony, Mr. Shaftain has often had to deal with cases of piracy. In 1922 he was responsible for the capture and punishment of a gang of pirates, two of whom were 'non active' members of the gang. That is to say they merely subscribed towards



Mr. J. D. Romer holds an Indian Python which twines round his arm.

the fund to buy arms. One of these was the "boy" of Police Inspector Eusebio, stationed at Shaikwan and the other, a "boy" in the Sergeant's Mess at Central Police Station. The Inspector's boy was responsible for the purchase of arms used in the Sui Yick piracy when the steamer on the Hong Kong-Summit run was pirated. He got these arms from the No. 1 blacksmith at Tulkoo Dock and actually stored them for safe keeping in the cellar of Shaikwan Police Station for five days, to give time to the active pirates to complete arrangements for the crime. Questioned on the subject of Triad Societies in the Colony, Mr. Shaftain said they are much more active today than they were before the war. But, he added, a average person can live in Hong Kong for 30 or 40 years without ever being aware of the under-

semblance to a pig. Also I had the feeling that I had come into contact with him before in the course of my work. I was wondering whether this was an illusion created by his extraordinary likeness to the animals which were his livelihood, when I recalled that I had met him in the Government Civil Hospital some years before where he had been sent after being stabbed nearly to death. His condition had been so serious that I wanted to take a flying deposition from him, but he would say nothing at the time. He now explained that he had been injured by a Triad Society member for refusing to pay a levy, and he had been afraid to speak because his family would have been murdered in revenge. Acting on this information, I quizzed an investigation, and found eventually that this Society was named the Sun Hop See Society with Headquarters in Kennedy Town. I raided them and arrested a number of people, seized the Society's books which showed that it had a membership of 110.

The entrance fee was \$1,500 and the books showed that for the year under review, \$36,000 had been spent on dinners and feasts. The Sanitary Department gave the information that a total of one million pigs had been imported into the Colony, which of course had meant a revenue of at least \$1,000,000 for the Society. I then rounded up the members of the Society and put them up to Government for banishment. To my great astonishment the next thing that happened was a petition, signed by all the members of the Pork Butchers Association demanding the release of the Triad Society men on the grounds that they were good, honest men. I sent for the Association's representative, and nearly 100 came to see me and crowded into my office. I asked them what game they were playing, and they proceeded to deny the existence of the Society. I could not extract any further information from them and finally sent them away. Half an hour later the original seven who first reported the Triad Society to me, returned and said they had put their chops to the petition because they had been compelled to do so. They told me: 'A number of men among those in your office today were members of the Society who had collected so much money that they had been able to set themselves up in the pork butchery business.' Mr. Shaftain continued: "So I dealt with the petition and the Society

India on Herpetology—the study of reptiles. Mr. Romer arrived here last September to take up his appointment with Government, and since then has devoted his spare time to collecting information for the book. In an interview, he said: "There are at least 20 different species of land snakes in the Colony, six of which are venomous, in addition to six or more species of sea snakes, all of which are venomous."

Of the venomous land snakes, the Indian Cobra and the Banded Cobra appear to be the commonest. The other four venomous species are a Coral Snake and two species of Kraits and the King Cobra or Hamadryad. The commoner of the Kraits species is known as the Banded Krait and bears distinct markings of alternate black and yellow bands, or crossbars throughout its whole length. The King Cobra is known to occur in the New Territories and it is the largest venomous snake in the world, sometimes reaching 18 feet in length. The largest non-venomous snake which occurs in the Colony is the Indian Python which sometimes grows to over 20 feet in length. None of the Hong Kong snakes, however, is normally aggressive to man by nature but the Cobras may attack people on rare occasions, particularly when their nesting places are disturbed or closely approached.

AIR NEWS.
Air news from England this week concerns the opening of the new B.O.A.C. flying boat base at Southampton, and the introduction of Britain's latest passenger carrying flying boat, the Short Solent on the Springbok service between the U.K. and South Africa. This new type of aircraft is capable of seating 34 passengers, and the 6,250 miles journey from Southampton to Johannesburg will take a little over four days. The route will include stops in Sicily, Cairo, Luxor, Port Bell near Lake Victoria, a point near Victoria Falls on the River Zambesi, and Vaalendam, the Johannesburg terminal. The route was opened on Tuesday last when the first of the flying boats took off on its trip. On Tuesday next the next Short Solent will leave Johannesburg for the U.K.

A.P.M. LEAVES COLONY.
Squadron Leader A. L. Hume, who has been R.A.F. Asst. Provost Marshal in the Colony since September 1945, left on Wednesday by air for Singapore where he has been appointed to new duties. This will be S/L Hume's first visit to Singapore as he first arrived in the Far East with the Occupation Forces and came direct to Hong Kong. He joined the R.A.F. in 1940 and remained in England until 1942 when he went to Sierra Leone, West Africa. He returned to England in December, 1943, and stayed there until he came to Hong Kong. S/L Hume hopes to remain permanently in the Service.

MISS MAE MACINTYRE BROWN
Married in St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, were Miss Mae MacIntyre Brown and Mr. C. L. Salter. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. MacIntyre Brown and celebrated her 21st birthday last month. Mr. Salter is employed by Dodwell's and is the eldest son of Mr. A. W. Salter, also of Dodwell's, and Mrs. Salter. They are at present on leave in England and so were unable to attend the wedding which was attended by a large number of guests. Miss Brown has been employed as a Secretary and stockbroker Mr. Walter of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Her father is Chief Preventive Officer, attached to the Imports and Exports Dept.

FROM HERE AND THERE.
Supt. Richard Hald Brown, Staff officer to the Commissioner of Police, left Hong Kong by air on Friday for Singapore where he was married yesterday to Miss Rosemary Falkland Cary, daughter of Major D. F. and Mrs. Cary. The new bride and groom are expected to return here within a few days.

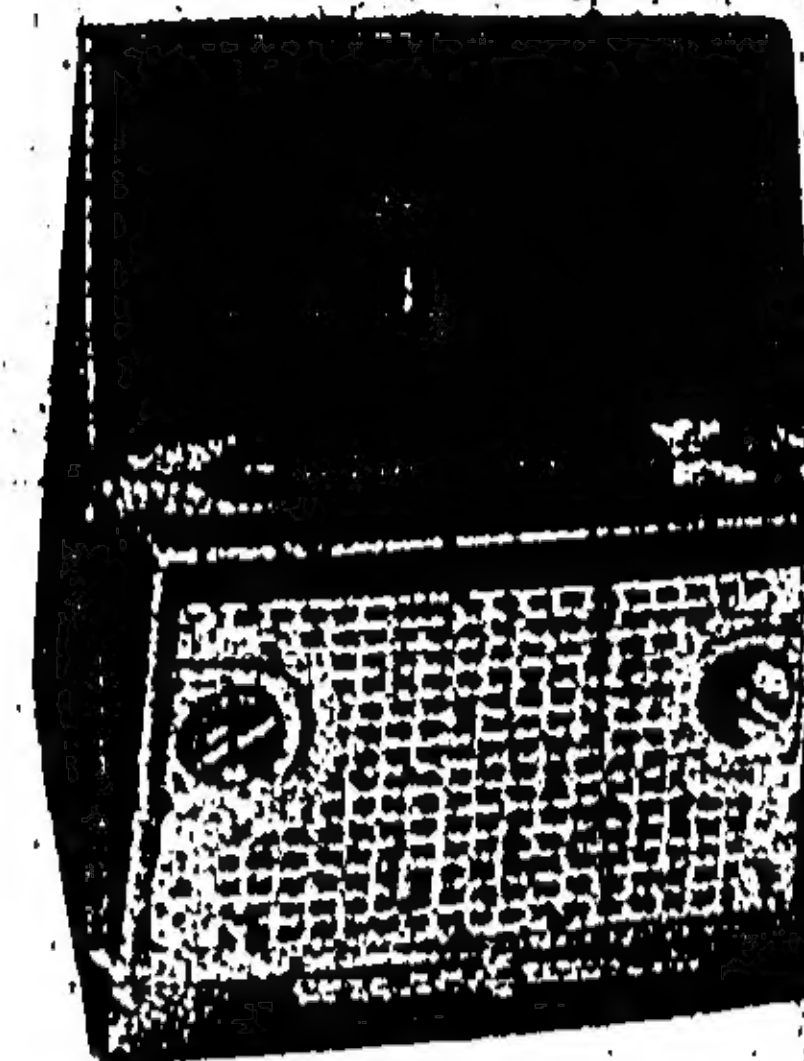
Actg. Deputy Commissioner of Police Mr. B. Major, who is leaving the Colony on the 15th of this month on the S.S. Canton for six months holiday in England.

Australian Journalist and author Mr. Alan Marshall is expected to arrive in Hong Kong at the end of this month for an indefinite stay with the object of procuring material for a novel. Mr. Marshall is the author of "These Are My People" which was published in Australia, America and Europe, and which is at present being filmed in Australia.

Dr. P. C. Hsieh, recently appointed Chinese Ambassador to Siam, passed through the Colony this week on his way to take up his new post in Bangkok. Dr. Hsieh is China's second ambassador to Siam and he succeeded Dr. Li Tieh Tsen who is being transferred to another appointment.

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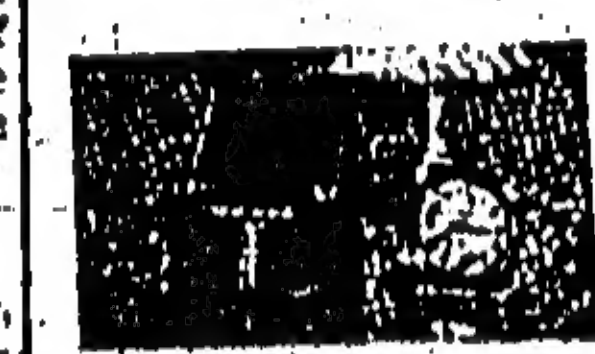
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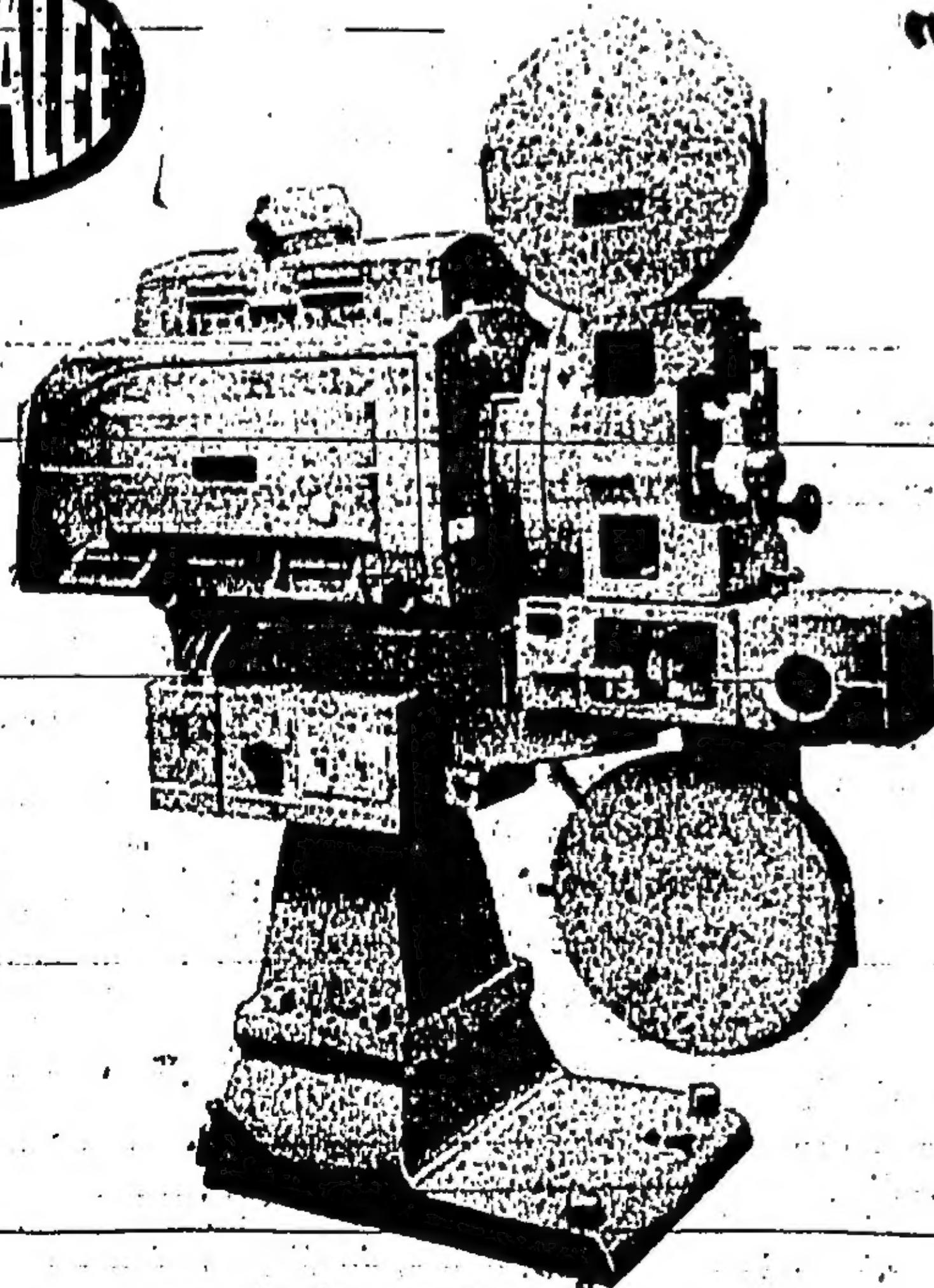
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JEW'S LODGE A COMPLAINT Egyptian Forces On Palestine Border Contrary To The U.N. Charter

Lake Success, May 7.

A Jewish Agency spokesman complained to the Security Council today of the despatch of Egyptian forces to the Palestine frontier.

Major Aubrey Eban, who said a report that units of the Egyptian Army had crossed the southern frontiers of Palestine had not been confirmed, asked the Council to "take note" of a statement by the Egyptian Minister of Communications that troops had been sent to the frontier.

Admiral Asks More Tankers

New York, May 8. Retired Fleet Adm. William F. Halsey said today that the United States must double its troop-carrying tanker capacity and shipbuilding industry to meet any emergency.

He told an anniversary dinner of the Maritime Exchange of the Port of New York that in the event of another war, converting all existing passenger and passenger-cargo ships, plus 70 transports at present operated by the armed services, would not be a troop-carrying capacity of total estimated requirements by about half.

He said the United States has 186 tankers, 120 short for present operations and "this shortage will increase drastically under wartime conditions." — United Press.

Saratog Offer

Rome, May 8. An offer from Giuseppe Saragat to disband his Milan Socialist Workers Party to make way for a great United Socialist party drew a storm of cheers today from a Congress of Socialists of all factions.

Saragat's rousing speech which included a bid to Pietro Nenni's Italian Socialist party to abandon its 18-month-old alliance with the Communists was regarded as another step towards reconciling the once powerful, now divided, Socialist ranks.

The former Ambassador to Paris said the party was ready to step out of the Casper Government if that would help the cause of Socialist unity. — Associated Press.

"In the general atmosphere surrounding the intentions of the Arab States towards Palestine at this time," he said, "such movements of troops deserve attention, especially as no threat to Egyptian territory from the north exists, or has ever been claimed to exist."

He declared the information which he received on May 1 of attacks by Syrian and Lebanese troops on Jewish villages in Upper Galilee has since been amplified by reports from the inhabitants and defenders of those villages.

"The relatively limited scope of these frontier violations does not alter the fact that they are contrary to the Charter. Their real interest, however, lies in what they portend for the future."

He said the time had arrived for the Security Council to "prevent the full unfolding of an aggressive design."

The Jews were frankly perplexed to account for the true commission's belief that Iraqi forces have "arrived" rather to reinforce the Transjordan forces than to invade Palestine.

Major Eban said: "Major Eban said: 'The mandate ends.'"

There were also rumours that the Jews were preparing to send men and arms into Palestine.

Major Eban said: "Transjordan is not in the slightest danger of an attack against which it requires the reinforcement of its already considerable army."

The Palestine debate was then interrupted for the Council to consider the Kashmir question. — Reuter.

BRITISH LETTER OF INTENT

London, May 8. The Foreign Office made public today Britain's pledge of adherence to the Economic Cooperation Act of 1948—the Marshall Aid Act.

The pledge is contained in Britain's "letter of intent" sent by Lord Inverchapel, British Ambassador to Washington, to U.S. Secretary of State, George C. Marshall. Similar "letters of intent" are required from all Marshall Plan signatories. — Associated Press.

Cut Him Up When Alive

Masaru, Basutoland, May 7. Eight Africans, including Chief Mosea, were today sentenced to death in the high court on murder charges.

They were said to have cut pieces of flesh from another African while he was still alive, thrust a sharpened umbrella into his chest, collected blood flowing from the wound into a bottle, stabbed him to death with a forked stick, and then to have thrown his body into the river. — Reuter.

PEERESS TOOK AN OVERDOSE

Newbury, May 8. Lady Joan Coventry, 23, daughter of the Countess of Coventry, died in Newbury Hospital yesterday, apparently from an overdose of a sedative. She was found ill on Thursday night in a hotel room where she had been staying while taking a secretarial course at a commercial school. Police said that a bottle that had contained tablets was found at her bedside.

A post mortem examination was made and an inquest will probably be held today.

Lady Joan was the second daughter of the tenth earl. The present earl is her 13-year-old brother. — Associated Press.

D.P.'S AID BRITISH RECOVERY

Geneva, May 8. Britain's Minister of State Hector McNeill said today that European displaced persons had made a magnificent contribution to Britain's recovery efforts.

Addressing the current session of the International Refugee Organisation, McNeill said that Britain had admitted 40,000 refugees under the "Westward Ho" scheme, including 2,000 dependents. More dependents would be brought in as soon as adequate shipping space could be found, he declared.

The provision of housing and training were the only two restricting factors in the admission of displaced persons to the United Kingdom.

Of the 40,000 persons admitted to Britain under the Westward Ho scheme, only nine had to be returned as unsatisfactory, McNeill said. — Associated Press.

DUTCH-BELGIAN MILITARY PACT

The Hague, May 8. Belgium and The Netherlands announced today that they would sign a pact tightening their military cooperation within the framework of the five-power Western European Union. — Associated Press.

Britain's Link With Scandinavia

London, May 7.

The Scandinavian countries and Britain must get together "because, in the long run, that is the only way in which we are going to overcome our balance of payments difficulties," Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Secretary for Overseas Trade, said today in the House of Commons.

The Scandinavian countries were, he said, linked closely with Britain geographically, commercially and politically, and for that reason all the elements of mutual understanding were present.

A Labour Member had urged that facilities for trade with Scandinavia should be improved. Mr. Bottomley, who recently visited Scandinavia, made the following observations about trade with these countries.

Sweden: Referring to the Anglo-Swedish talks now going on in Stockholm, he said, Britain was trying to get a roughly-balanced trade with Sweden. "It would be possible," he thought, to link Sweden's economy with Britain and get the expansion of trade which was the common desire.

Norway: He had been assured that Norway was anxious to develop trade with Britain on traditional lines, and he felt sure trade could be expanded.

Denmark: Recalling that he had met the Danish Minister of Press.

MOSCOW ON PALESTINE

London, May 8.

Radio Moscow, in an English-language broadcast, said today, "The present crisis in Palestine is fraught with serious danger to the peace of the world."

"The American trusteeship scheme completely ignores the rights and interests of both Arabs and Jews.... The partition plan offers the peoples of Palestine an opportunity of being free at long last from colonial oppression." — United Press.

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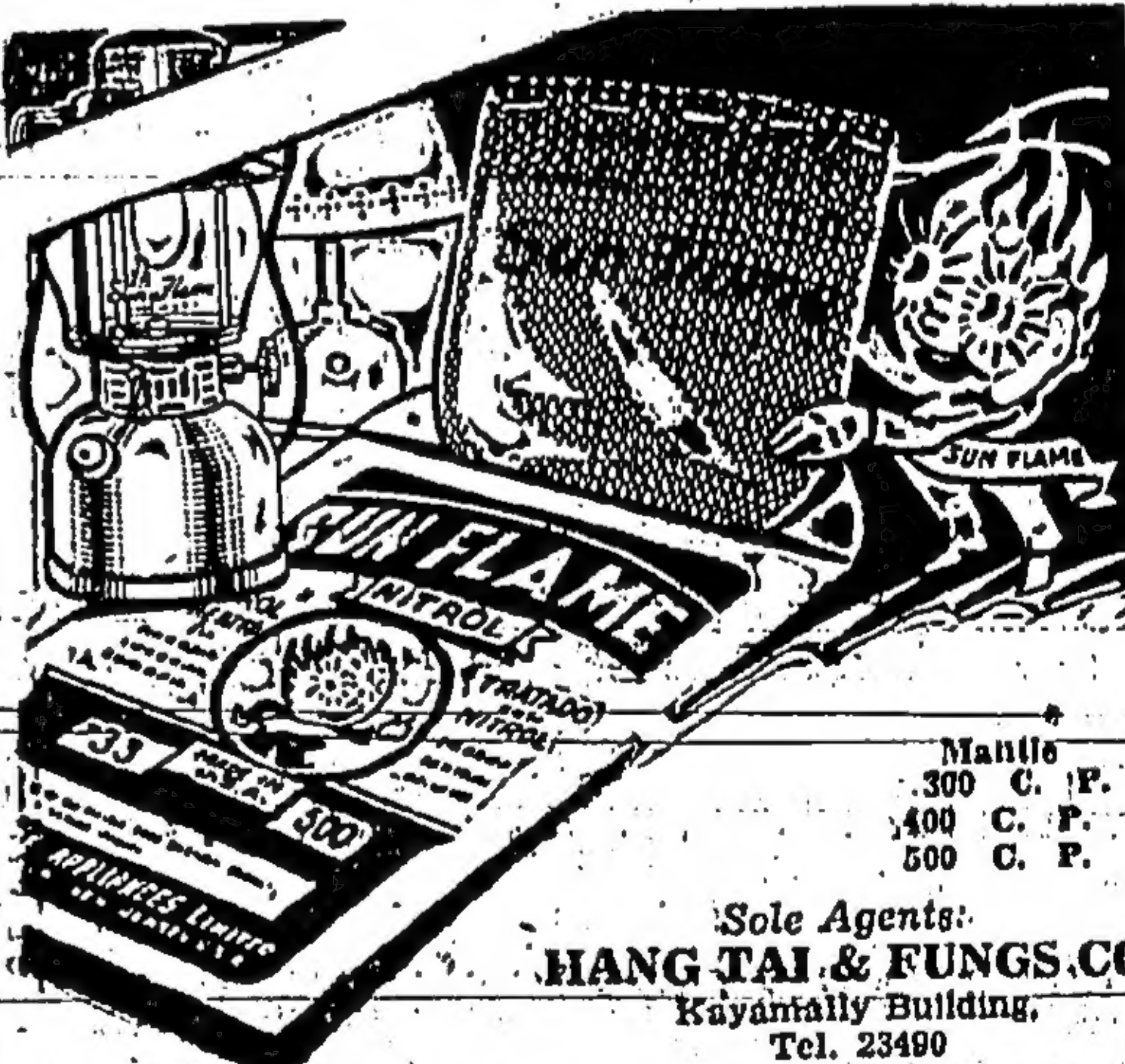
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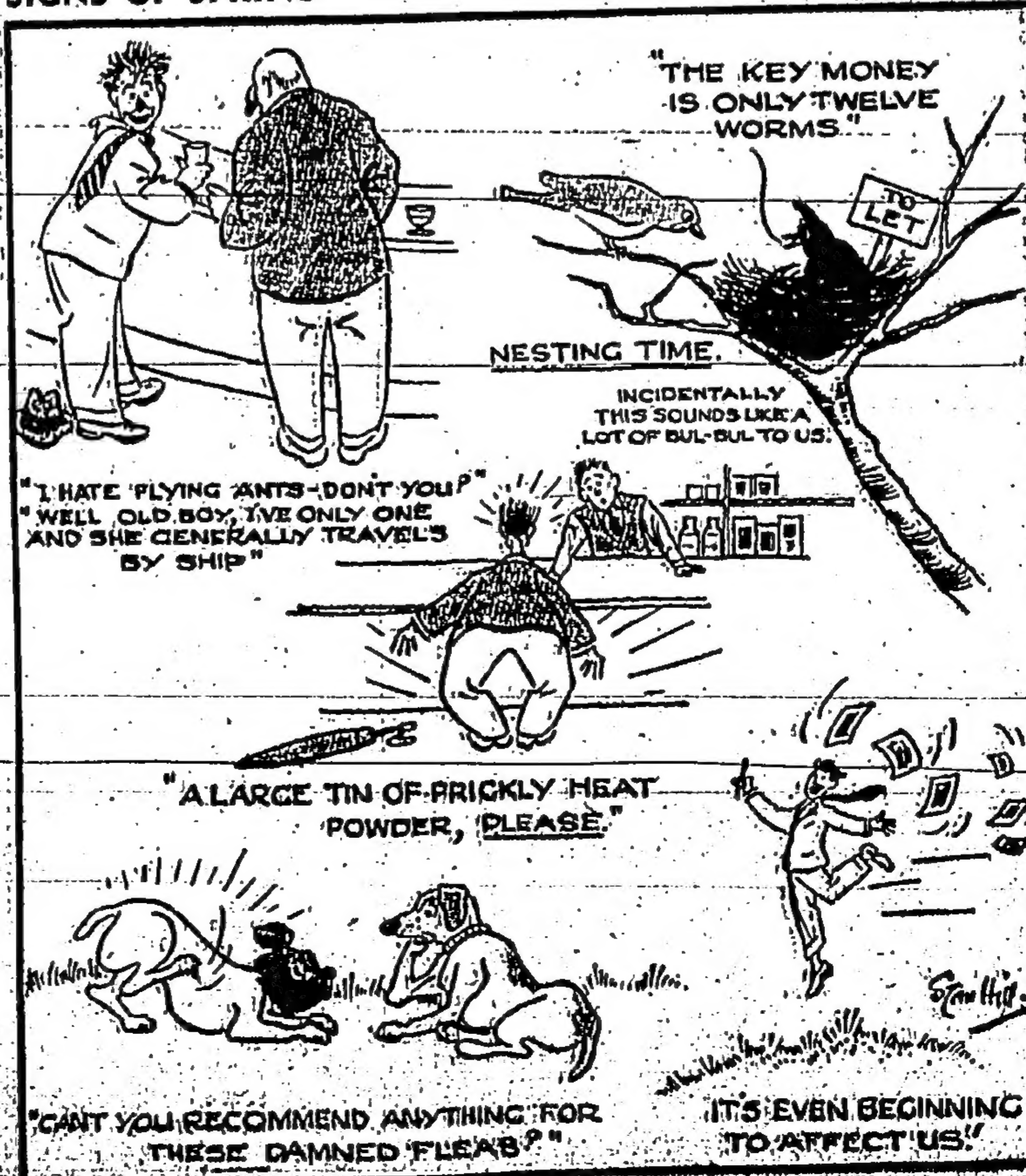
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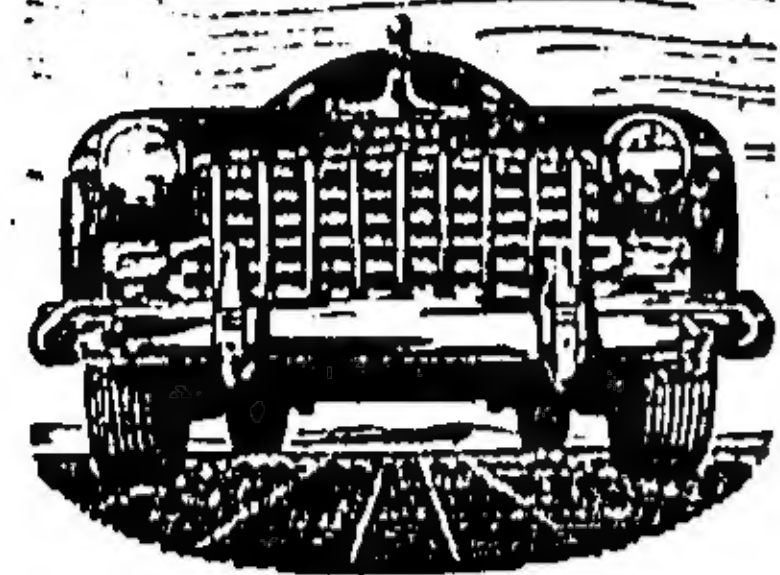
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Malice In Blunderland

Part I. "Applications Pending." The Walrus and the Carpenter were walking hand in hand. About Hong Kong, the latter said: "Now wouldn't it be grand if only dear old Government would let us have some LAND?"

"If common chaps," the Walrus said, "like you, my lad, or me, who just believe in building things, were left at liberty, there'd be scant Unemployment for folks of property..."

"Why, all the horrid 'hot spots' might live in decent flats. Or modern bungalows instead of huddled up worse than fish. And there'd be little key-money for local plutocrats!"

The Walrus and the Carpenter,

they strolled on through the Town, "I reckon," cried the Carpenter, "we'd soon 'send rentals down! But that might lead to nastiness with Nabobs of Renown..."

"Here where direct taxes link—poor locked-rich men dream 'rosy dreams' And we who from their table-tops collect the crumbs—it seems—

"And best not rile the ones who rule this Isle of Flagrant Schemes!"

The Walrus and the Carpenter both shed a bitter tear. To think of Vested Interests deprived of profits dear! Abandoning the thought of work, they went and bought a beer! —R. G. W.

Skies May Grow Red Over The Pole

By A Special Correspondent.

If Russia ever attacks the United States, it is certain that the skies will first glow red over that expanse of sea and ice on the roof of the world which is known as the Arctic Mediterranean.

Of all western countries Canada is the most deeply concerned with security in these frozen regions which, apart from their territorial importance, are also rich in untapped mineral resources.

Look down on the globe—at the North Pole and you will see that Canada, with Greenland on one flank, and Alaska on the other, forms a semi-circular land mass round the Arctic Sea. The other half of the land circle, which almost completely encloses the waters, is Russian soil.

Vast expansionist movements to the Canadian and Russian shores are predicted, not only for military reasons but also for purposes of industrial development.

Migration

Just as in the past migration was ever westward it will, in the near future, from Asiatic Russia and British America be northward, in order that the Polar extremes may be fortified, and their natural wealth exploited.

Canadian and United States students of the Ice Cap see the dawn dawning when big industrial cities will face each other across the marine wilderness, each side competing to rip out of the earth the treasure common to both.

Above them will fly all inter-continental aircraft in the northern hemisphere, for they will lie on the shortest routes. Aviation circles on the American side of the Atlantic have a slogan: "North to Everywhere."

Thus Canada, always in the past the spiritual and economic link between Great Britain and the United States, now finds herself a strategic bridge between the United States and Russia.

Should the cold war heat up to

the point of conflict, the first blood shed will freeze on one side or the other of that sullen ice-flecked sea.

For the last fifteen years the U.S.S.R. has manned scientific posts on her strategic northern frontiers.

Using meteorological instruments and observer aircraft, these stations have recorded the habits of the weather from season to season, noted the formation and disintegration of the ice, and logged the movement of the great bergs.

The pioneers know that during certain periods powerful ships can smash a way through to the opposite coast, and that the prospect of employing successfully large-carrying submarines to sail "under the skin" is not fantastic.

In approach to the Arctic Mediterranean the Soviets have a slight advantage.

The great rivers rise in the centre of Russian Asia and flow deeply down to this sea. They are the Ob, the Yenisei and the Lena.

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Fuel

Coal and oil produced in the northern regions of Russia can be used to fuel this traffic.

Already Soviet expansion in the area has been pronounced. In 1939, Igarka, on the Yenisei, was a village of 100 inhabitants, with a standard of living little above that of the Eskimo.

Today it is a thriving industrial plant with 20,000 worker-citizens. They are paid such high wages to recompense them for the rigours of the climate that the Soviet Government has no difficulty in finding technically qualified immigrants.

Canada is able to match these developments. She has the broad Mackenzie River, which flows from the heart of the Dominion into the northern sea. The delta port, near Aklavik, is open as long as those on the Russian side. It could serve in the same fashion.

Canada's petroleum is better located than Russia's for use in these parts.

Though one of the world's greatest oil producers, only 25 per cent. of her workers are employed in agriculture. During the last war the rate of her industrial development was unprecedented. Against this, 60 per cent. of Russia's workers till the land and only 40 per cent. are employed in industry.

Canada is drawing on the brains of the western world, Russia, by isolating herself, has no other reservoir of scientific knowledge than her own people.

Security

Canadian authorities on northern development recommend the building of copper centres north-east of Great Bear Lake; of oil cities in the lower Mackenzie; encouragement of traffic through the North-west Passage, with better airports at the mouth of the Mackenzie and Yukon; enlargement of wheat-carrying rail traffic from the prairies to the Hudson Bay port of Churchill; and the connection of the Mackenzie and Yukon by a railroad driven through the Rockies via Eagle Pass.

The security of northern Canada depends on her ability to keep pace with U.S.S.R. industrialisation in the Arctic. By achieving this, Canada will not only safeguard her own interests at a point where opposed ideologies meet, but may well make a concrete contribution to the preservation of peace.

Trials and hardships shared bring men closer together than any other conditions. On the bitter pinnacles of the earth only the most rugged can survive.

The struggle against the elements on either side of the Pole will be similar in its methods and purpose. And it should give to those engaged that understanding which unites pioneers who share the same prospects and reap the same rewards.

Behind The Political Scene

THE PROSPECTS OF MR. STASSEN

That useful walk-on character, our old friend The Man From Mars, would find plenty at which to raise his eyebrows in the post-war antics of the Western powers.

Britain and the United States, for the most part unaided by Soviet Russia, had knocked Italy for the Axis in decisive fashion. And although subsequently the Italian people and its armed forces rendered sterling service to their conquerors in the later battles against Germany, the Allies were certainly a little quick in the speed with which they conferred the privileges and licence of democratic practice upon their erstwhile foe.

The sympathetic Italian people were first granted the opportunity of dismissing their monarchy, which for all its faults possessed a useful stabilising influence.

Then they were given the chance by constitutional means to put in power the agents of a foreign nation bent on placing Italy once more under totalitarian tyranny, thus reversing the victory won only after years of bloody and costly fighting. Our old enemy and new ally was given the occasion to reap a delicious victory in behalf of his old ally and new enemy.

Test Of Good Faith

The Italian people have fortunately seen clearly through the fog and confusion, and have come bravely through the political ordeal imposed upon them. We have reason to be grateful for the courage displayed by Signor C. G. G. during the recent nervous months.

As much as the Czech coup in March, the April elections in Italy were a test of good faith at home, like the events in Prague they have found the Labour Party out. If they do not now expel once and for all the disappointed supporters of the Communist stooge Nenni, they will have forfeited all confidence at home and abroad. They have long and grown weary with the line-up which is called for by European developments.

The American people, whose representatives in Italy, led by Ambassador Jimmy Dunn, have employed such skill and energy, are turning their attention perhaps with relief, to their own electoral diversions.

During the long Roosevelt years the old Republican Party machine became choked with dust and grown weary with the task of keeping the machine running. Mr. Willkie was the first to take advantage of this situation. At Philadelphia in 1940 he inflicted a surprise defeat upon the old guard which still brings blushes of shame to the cheeks of some of the tougher machine politicians.

Loss Of Popularity

For 12 years these gentlemen have been foiled of the prizes which the American tradition of rotation in office and the spoils system have held out to them. They feel that it is now once more their turn. Indeed, nobody doubts, since Eisenhower's almost irrevocable abdication, that the next President will be a Republican.

Mr. Truman's loss of popularity, his many mistakes, and, above all, his troubles with his own party over the civil rights issue, have made the Republicans so confident that they feel that they can win with any candidate, even as it is being said, with a "Catholic Leaguer with a Jewish name."

So the machine is clamouring for a machine candidate. Prominent in the latter class are Mr. Dewey's chief card in New York State. But he is nowhere popular, and inspires little trust even among his ardent supporters. He is considered unstable, and certainly does not possess either the convictions or legislative experience which are an important part of the cumbersome but formidable machinery concealed within Senator Taft's inarticulate and unprepossessing frame.

However, Mr. Dewey and Mr. Taft are as widely predicted, tending to cancel each other out, and, indeed, it is believed that their supporters have been thinking out a deal designed, so to speak, to produce a tertium quid ex machina.

Present Favourite

The present favourite for this role is Mr. Joe Martin, the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The most restrained and accurate comment to be made on Mr. Martin's candidacy would be that if elected he would be another President.

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The possibilities of his nomination on a second round ballot cannot be discounted, since so many delegations at variance on their first preferences are known to be capable of reaching agreement about Mr. Martin as a compromise choice. Also his position has been strengthened by his recent initiative in breaking the Lewis deadlock which preceded his contempt of court and sentence.

I have said nothing so far of Senator Vandenberg or of Mr. Stassen. The former is known to have first refusal of the Secretaryship of State from any candidate. Mr. Stassen, however, notwithstanding. But his health is poor and he is forced to take things very carefully. He has the political but not the physical strength needed today by an occupant of the White House.

By ALASTAIR FORBES

He is known only to seek one term, but this is unpopular with the machine boys who nowadays prefer to budget for two terms. Nevertheless, if Mr. Vandenberg holds his fire and his peace there may yet emerge a Vandenberg-Stassen ticket which would probably ensure Mr. Stassen's election in 1952.

Prepared For Office

But Mr. Stassen would not easily be satisfied with that. He knows better than most Americans that the sands may be running out for the West, in spite of the recent apparent improvement in its fortunes. He believes that he is well prepared for the highest office and that his leadership could bring new unity to his country, with consequent benefit to the world. In this he may not be wrong.

The astonishing success of his "grass roots" campaign in Wisconsin and Nebraska only served to redouble the determination of the Republican big-wigs and their dependants to inflict a crushing defeat upon the Minnesota wonder boy at Philadelphia in June. For they are far more concerned about Mr. Stassen than about Mr. Truman. They rightly suspect that a Stassen victory at the convention might deal a death blow to the old caucus system, and perhaps alter the whole face of American politics for many years to come.

Mr. Stassen wants to make the Presidential Convention what it was originally intended to be but what it has never in fact been. His success might have far-reaching results and, linked with his politics and his personality, might in the foreseeable future serve to forge out of the old Democratic and Republican Parties a new political force in the United States. The third party seems to be here to stay, and this fact can only increase such a possibility to the point of probability.

Remarkable Record

Mr. Stassen is a young man of great practical ability, with a remarkable record, possessing refreshing confidence in the boundless capacity and resilience of America's Liberal capitalism. He has ideas and convictions on a wide range of subjects. Furthermore, he is prepared to express them at the drop of a hat, an unheard-of thing in past Presidential politics.

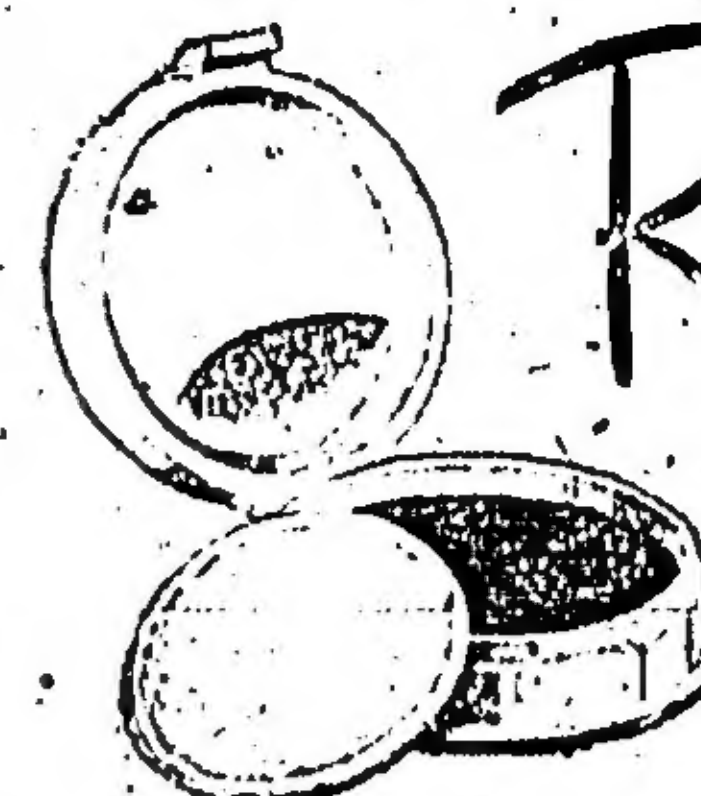
He is a more mature and a tougher Presidential candidate than Willkie in 1940. Yet in the State delegations now preparing for Philadelphia there are plenty of men who, while not immune to the astonishing impact of Stassen's appeal and personality, cannot forget that they "rode the white horse" for Willkie in 1940 only to come a cropper.

The Republicans may not maintain their present over-confidence, today so hostile to Stassen's ambitions. They are still desperately muddled over the question of controls which they must ultimately face squarely. They are ignoring the immense danger of what Mr. Forrester has called "flagship" inflation, which would appear overnight as the result of the immense expenditure on European aid and such things as a 25,000,000,000-dollar army programme.

There are dangers ahead which even Mr. Stassen does not foresee. But today, when America's heart-beats are felt around the whole world, and must pump the blood through our European veins also, it is more than ever necessary that they should beat strong and steady.

The crazy zig-zag of America's fever chart must somehow be ironed out. No back-seat driver or hard-of-hearing slowcoach will do that. All our futures may depend on there being a strong man in the White House. Mr. Stassen is without doubt such a strong man. But politics is politics; and, strong as he is, he is not yet the strongest Republican candidate for 1948.

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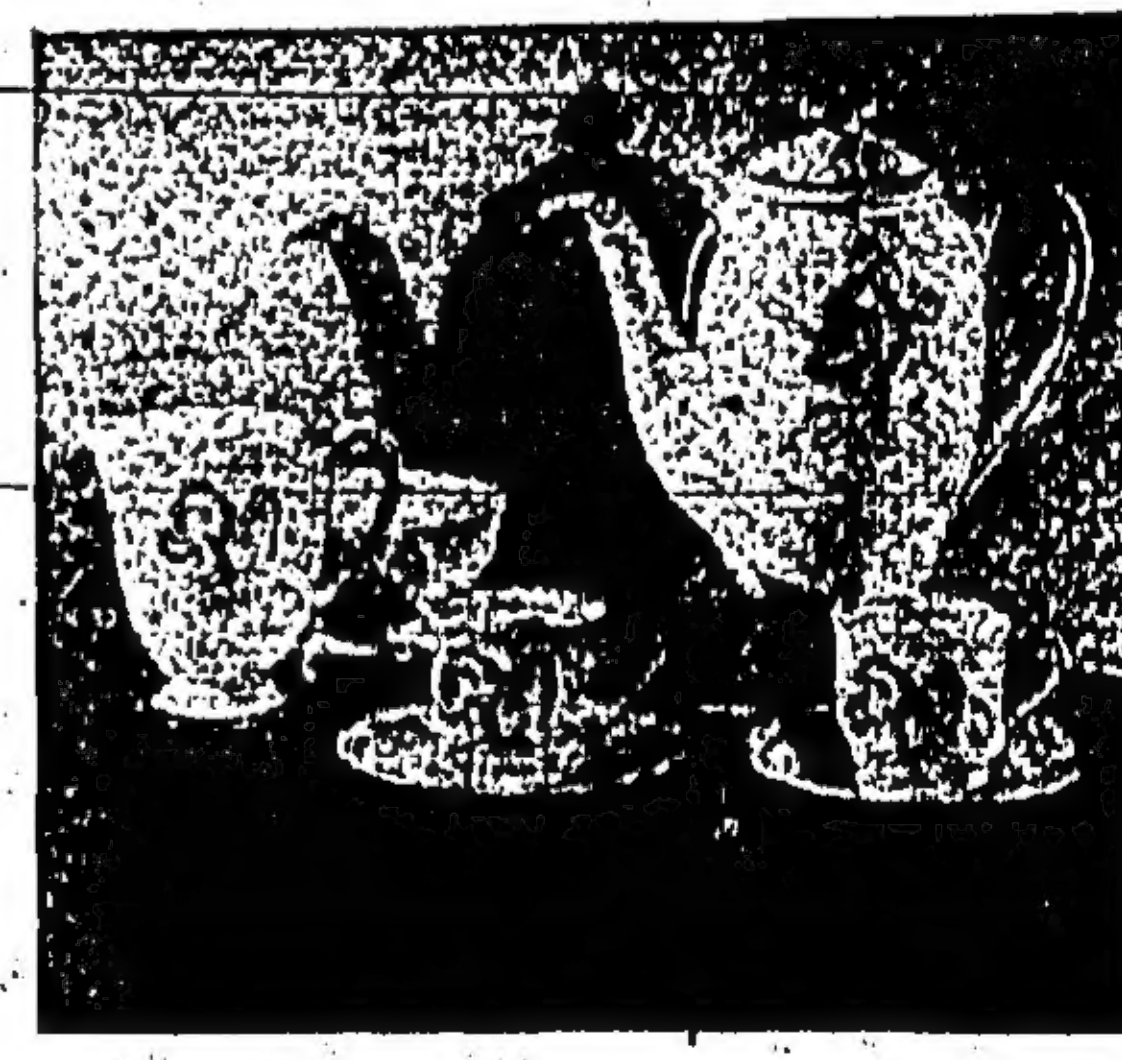
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The First Of The Freedoms

By Lord Rothermere

Chairman of The Daily Mail and the London Newspaper Proprietors' Association, who was guest of honour and principal speaker at a banquet in New York commemorating the centenary of the Associated Press of America. Below is an extract from his address:

News was the first atomic bomb—it may still be the most explosive in effect.

News has so often overthrown the most powerful Governments and the greatest empires.

Why? Because it has been the fierce impact of reality, upon mere fantasy or belief. It has been the sudden arrival of truth—it's always devastating!

Mr. Kent Cooper, executive director and general manager of the Associated Press, in his book "Barriers Down," has vividly described the successful battle of his own life so inextricably linked with the growing renown and fortune of your great association. He has also set on record the basic principles for which the Associated Press stands.

A Battle To Fight

Never, I submit, in the world's history has it been more necessary to reaffirm those principles and to fight for their acceptance. We publishers must fight this battle together.

The Associated Press was in its first instance, and has always been, a newspaper conception; it developed as a function of newspapers, the servant of newspapers.

The origin of our own Reuters was outside newspapers. It began as the faithful and accurate reporter of commercial prices. Very soon it came to serve newspapers, but it remained apart and separate from them. It was only at a comparatively recent date in its history that Reuters came fully under newspaper ownership and control.

And it was only as short a time ago as 1914 that it assumed its final form as a non-profit-making newspaper-owned organization. This change came to it as a surprise, and it seems to all of us now that it was the inevitable and only possible development.

In three years' time, in 1951, we shall be celebrating the centenary of Reuters.

Now, just as I am convinced that it is essential for our two countries to stand together in ways, and especially in all matters affecting the principle of freedom and democracy, so I am sure that the Associated Press and Reuters should stand together.

These two organisations represent great ideals as allies they must fight for those ideals; worldwide allies to maintain the principles of truth in news and freedom in reporting. Wherever, and whenever, barriers are erected let us together endeavour to tear them down. It is a high and hard mission to perform. It always has been.

The freedom of the Press is nothing automatic, nor is it inherent in the nature of man or of the human scheme.

It is something that has been won only after long and sometimes bitter years of struggle, and it will remain just so long as men are willing to fight and, if necessary, die in order to keep it.

Remember that the price of liberty is "eternal vigilance" and remember, too that we Westerners have twice in the lifetime of most of those present today shown so little vigilance that we have almost encompassed our own undoing and political suicide.

Double Talk

Today this freedom of the Press is the common possession of the English-speaking peoples, to whom it pre-eminently belongs.

We have always spoken the same language. But for many years, I am afraid, we have used the same words to express different meanings, and many have

been the misunderstandings that have resulted from this dangerous double talk, if I may so express it.

But I believe that the late war has brought an end to all of that. We are at last working on the same wave-length.

The one thing above all else which has always united our people is their passion for liberty. We know that the first freedom to be seized by any dictatorship is the freedom of the Press. Every tyrant loathes it, because he fears it.

In what does the freedom of the Press consist? You in America have had a private commission that sat a long time exploring this very question.

The Free Forum

We in Britain have a Commission now, appointed by the Government, which is at the moment investigating the same vital principle.

Not content with providing in the columns of our newspapers a free forum for the tyrannical doctrines of the Slav-Soviet tyranny, a privilege which has, incidentally, never been reciprocated by the more logically minded Commissioners of Communism, we have now, in Geneva, gratuitously provided a platform.

From this platform the enemies of freedom may pour out their torrents of diabolical abuse, weathing the time and wearing the patience of all men of good will.

But, when all the thousands of words have been spoken, recorded, and published, we shall not find a better dictum on the Press, than that of Lord Mansfield, a great jurist of the century, who said: "The liberty of the Press consists of printing without any previous licence, subject to the consequences of the law."

Speaking as a newspaperman, I fear that love is not an emotion the journalist rouses in the human heart; fear and respect, like the stern Victorian parent, is the motive we can expect. For criticism, whether accurate or ignorant, is seldom acceptable, and praise and support seldom reap gratitude.

If Palestine Goes To War

Chaos Will Descend Like An Avalanche

While further discussions on Palestine are going on, and on, out here they talk of the War of Attrition which is still bound to come. But no one, least of all those who so love to use this fire-eating cliché, have any conception what this phrase will mean when applied to the "Holy Land." For Civil War in Palestine will be unlike any other war in history since medieval times. Normally, some creaking machinery of administration keeps ticking over behind the lines. But destruction in Palestine will know no set lines of demarcation; Jewish and Arab Communities and their social services are so interlinked that sabotage must be universal; to destroy the enemy, you must destroy yourself. Chaos will descend like an avalanche; for, within this patchwork of racial antagonism, a make believe civilisation has been preserved for thirty years in cotton-wool—protected by British military forces and armed police. When dawn breaks on May 14, the whole papier mache edifice will have collapsed overnight into dust.

The horror of this chaos will fall on the civilian population—both Arab and Jew and in comparison any military campaign will be a light-hearted shooting match in which the hotheads on both sides will indulge in foolhardy attacks until they have learnt their lesson. Then the Jews will retire behind their United wire, the Arabs to their mountain villages, and the terrorism and sabotage will take over the command—the man in the street and the peasant in the fields will become front line troops.

It is difficult to foresee the full suffering of the civilian population, but famine and thirst, poverty, murder, disease and darkness will be their common lot. Here are some hard facts. No harvests will be reaped this summer, and it will be impossible to bring relief from outside. Towns—except possibly Tel Aviv and Haifa—will be cut off from food supplies. Jerusalem can be isolated by the blowing up of seven bridges, and even worse—deprived of water by the cutting of the pipeline which runs through Arab territory from the coastal plain. Most of the Arab houses are provided with rain-water storage cisterns; the Jews, in their more modern buildings

You may be surprised to hear that some British people do not love Mr. William Randolph Hearst.

Does Mr. Secretary Marshall, or Mr. Robert Lovett, love Drew Pearson? Or Cafe Society love Cholly Knickerbocker? It is no more probable than that the Socialist Party in Britain love The Daily Mail.

No, I fear we walk alone, and provided we don't mind about love the net result is healthy and vital.

Newsprint Fetters

It is a robust and not a servile, supine Press that is an asset to the country in which it flourishes. It is our business, and our duty, to struggle against all efforts to curb our hard-won liberties.

But the more freely news is distributed the more extensively it must be printed. I am convinced that we cannot properly fulfil this task in Britain on our present newsprint allocation.

It is not that we in Britain do not own adequate newsprint resources. My uncle, the late Lord Northcliffe, founded a flourishing newsprint industry in Newfoundland.

But today Newfoundland is in the dollar area, and its newsprint is forbidden treasure. In the meantime the news must be reported. Ignorance breeds isolationism, isolationism breeds neutrality.

Look eastwards across the Atlantic and you will see forming on the horizon a cloud of wishful-neutrality. Today, no bigger, as they say, than a man's hand, but capable tomorrow of assuming menacing proportions. A serious movement for Western European neutrality, particularly British neutrality, could undermine the whole conception of American strength and swiftly imperil the present safety of your precarious peace and freedom.

You will have noticed that we in England have greeted the passage of the European recovery programme without even so much as a sidelong reference to the absence from that programme of newsprint aid.

It would be idle to pretend that some regret at its exclusion

did not pass through my mind as I lay in my bedroom and sought to massage some life into my legs, which had become positively cramped and crushed with the stupendous weight of your Sunday supplements.

In this battle for freedom, our interests, American and British and democratic everywhere, are the same, and we must be united in defending them.

The light of a free Press can be snuffed out just as easily by the lack of paper as by too much censorship.

A tyrannical Government which wanted to suppress opinion might hesitate to attack news at its source and yet be bold enough to attack newsprint.

The Leader's Mantle

Now, today, the leadership of Western civilisation rests upon America. It is the most terrible responsibility that has ever fallen upon a nation so unused to world power as the United States of America.

Never has a mantle fallen on such unwilling shoulders, for the people of the United States did not seek power—they had power thrust upon them. Never have a people reacted so swiftly in rising to the occasion.

The future is going to demand of us strong nerves. Let us not delude ourselves about that. We shall all have to screw our courage once more to the sticking-point and keep it there for five, ten, or even more years.

I believe that the future of mankind is in good hands, and that the new world will redress the balance of the old—you are doing it even at this hour.

The passage of the Marshall Plan is one of the greatest acts of statesmanship in modern history. All Western civilisation should be eternally grateful to the people of this country.

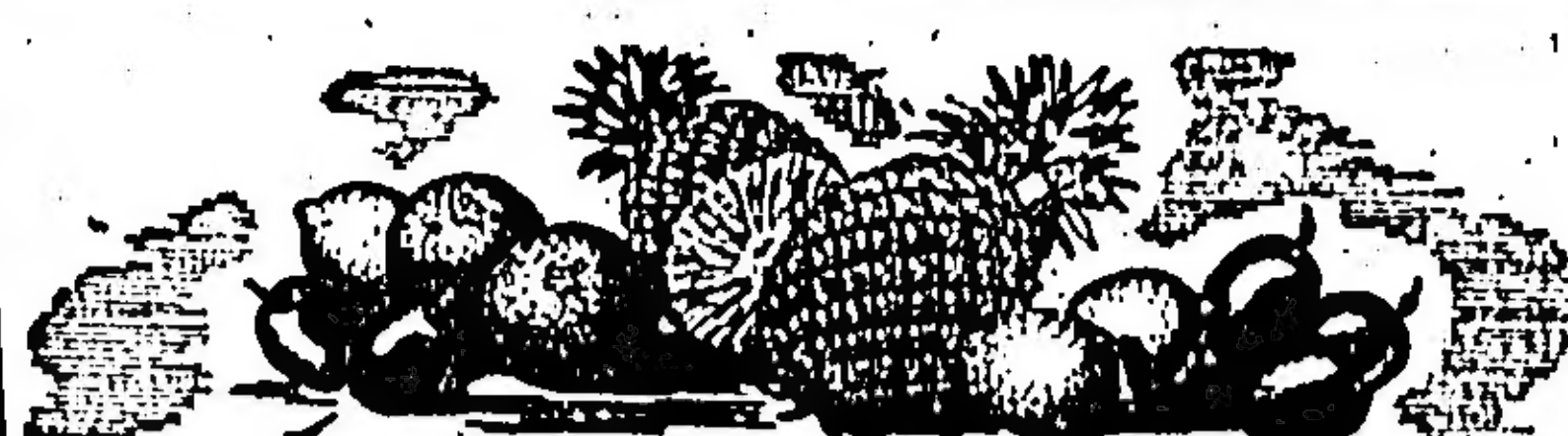
The Associated Press finds itself on its centenary in a rather doubtful company, for 1948 also marks the centenary of Karl Marx's Communist manifesto, the documentary genesis of our troubled times.

Few organisations are doing more to counteract that monstrous falsehood with truth or so much to lay the evil ghost of the Red Prussian, than the Associated Press of America.

I do not know if you possess a motto or whether it would be an impertinence on the part of an Englishman to suggest one to you. I have found a noble one.

It is not in Latin—but in the splendid English of the Declaration of Independence, where I first read it.

It is this: "Let facts be submitted to a candid world."



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Transjordan border can be occupied or destroyed by the Arabs in a matter of hours. When the current ceases, not only will the lights go out over most of Palestine, and the whole Jewish industrial machinery come to a standstill, but hundreds of thousands of orange groves—irrigated by electric pumps—will wither and die.

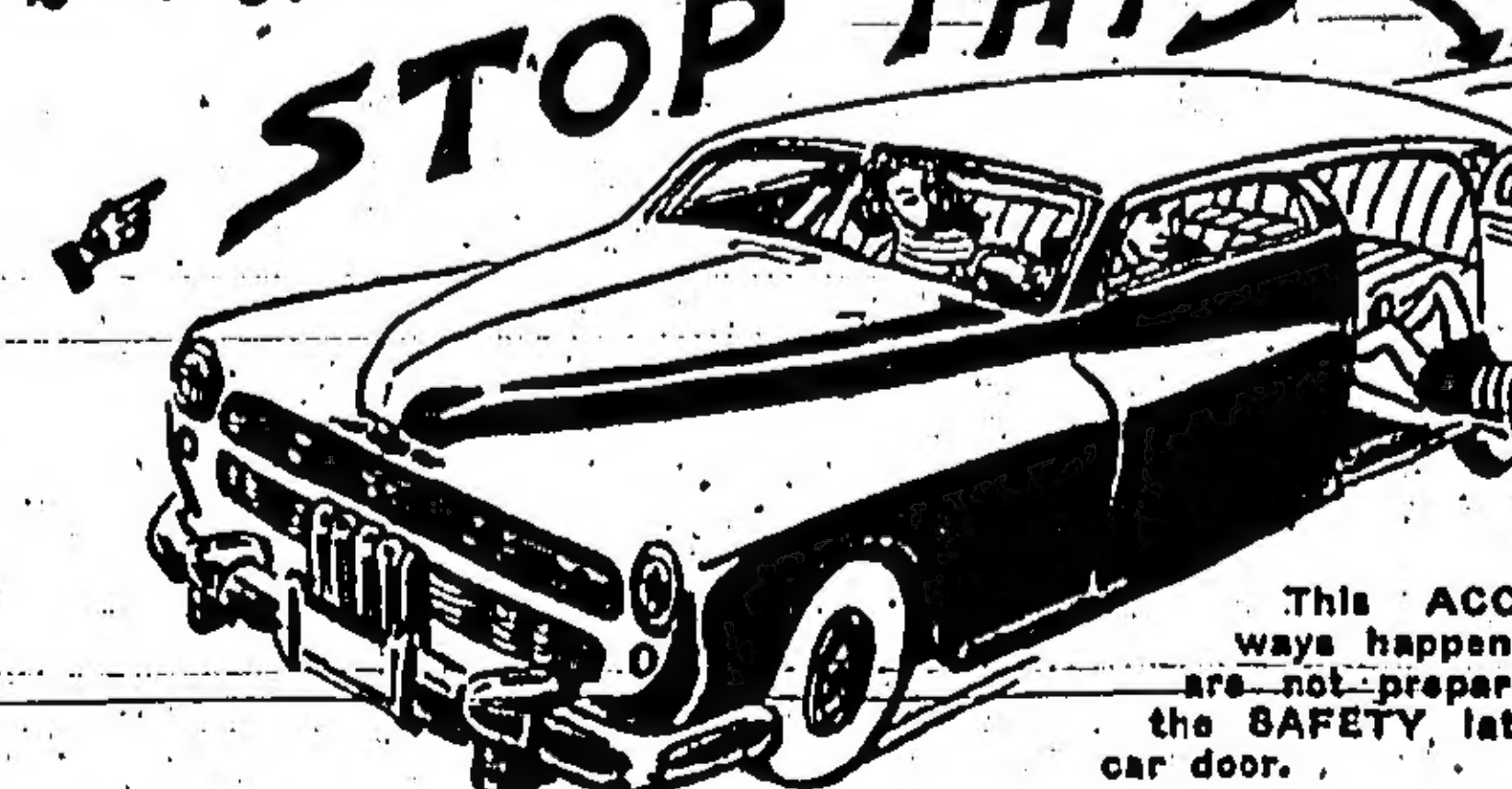
In all this it will be the Jews who will be the worst sufferers. The Arabs—still nomads by instinct—should find it easier to live a hand to mouth existence. They could last out for months—even if it means killing off their flocks (which represent their total "capital"), and drinking water from ditches. But a new Jewish life which renders it almost as vulnerable as the Jewish machine-made civilisation; they have come to depend on oil. Charcoal cooking has been replaced by the Primus Stove; lighting in the towns and villages is by oil driven electric plant; by paraffin pressure lamps; baking is by kerosene—but there will be no flour to bake. For it is no longer the mule or donkey which turns the irrigation pumps and flour mills—but gas-oil.

Palestine and Transjordan rely entirely on the Haifa refinery for oil (one need say no more than that). There are no reserve stocks—last week when I wished to leave Amman, there was not

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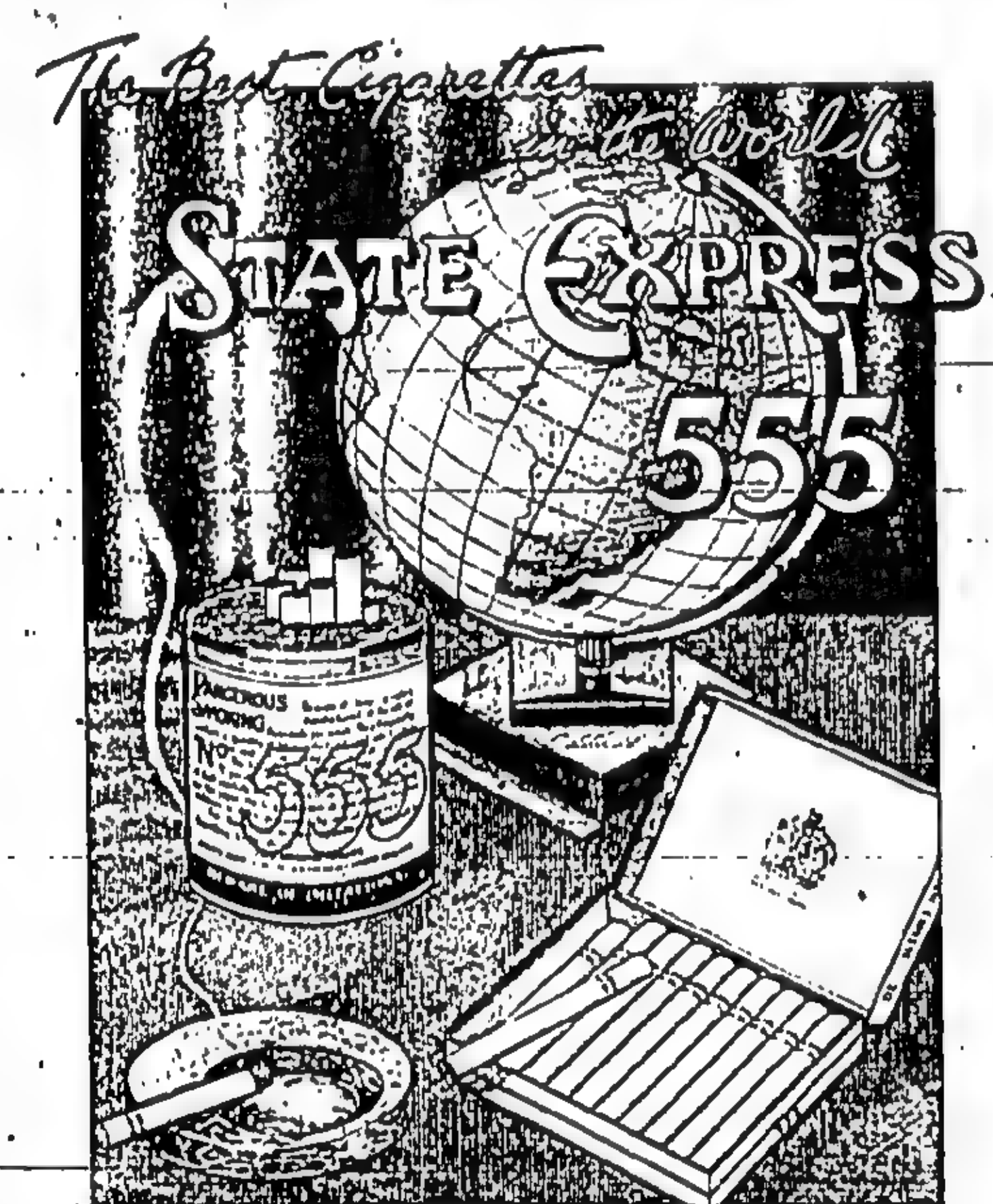
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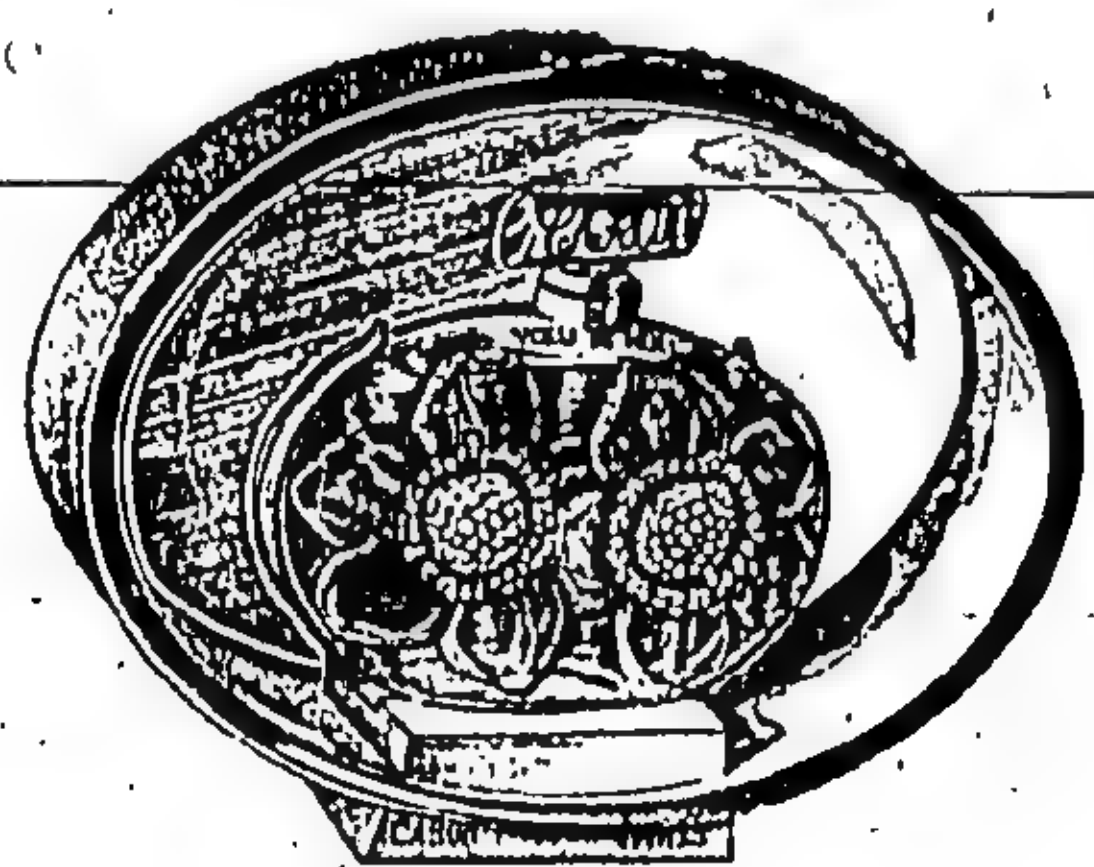
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ATOM CONTROL IMPASSE REACHED BY COMMISSION Complete Deadlock After 22 Months Soviet Union The Stumbling Block

Lake Success, May 7.

The United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, meeting today for what is likely to be the last time, received a three-power report announcing that, after 22 months' work, the Commission has reached a complete deadlock in its efforts to establish international control of atomic energy.

The report said it was useless for the Commission to continue its labours until the Soviet Union agrees to cooperate with the "world community."

The draft report, sponsored by the French, British and United States delegations and published today, began with these words:

"The Atomic Commission reports that it has reached an impasse."

It reviewed the well-known divergence of views between the Soviet Union and the majority of the other members of the Commission, and concluded by recommending suspension of the Commission's work.

As briefly stated in the report, these divergences are:

(1)—The majority believe that atomic energy must not be developed on the basis of national interests and needs, means and resources; but that its planning and operation should be made in common enterprise in all its phases.

(2)—The Soviet Union believes that the control plan favoured by the majority would infringe national sovereignty. Moreover, it insists that before any international control authority is set up, all nations should sign a convention outlawing atomic bombs, and destroying their existing stocks of such weapons.

Deadlock

The report said: "Thus, after 22 months of work, the Commission finds itself confronted by virtually the same deadlock that has stifled its initial discussions."

"The Soviet Government itself acknowledges the deadlock. It is now apparent that this deadlock cannot be broken at the Commission level."

"Both political and technical considerations demand that no important areas of the world be outside the control system. It is, therefore, evident that the full cooperation of the Soviet Union is indispensable for the establishment of a system of control which would prevent an atomic armaments race."

"Whether the functions and powers of the international control agency, as elaborated by the majority, are politically acceptable or not, they provide the technically necessary basis for an effective control of atomic energy."

The Question

"The question is not whether these measures are now acceptable, but whether Government new want effective, international control."

The report declared that the majority plan was the only alternative to an atomic armaments race, but added that "the majority of the Commission has been unable to secure the agreement of the Soviet Union to even those elements of effective control considered essential from the technical point of view, let alone their acceptance of the nature and extent of participation in the world community required of all nations in this field by the first and second reports of the Atomic Energy Commission."

"As a result, the Commission has been forced to recognise that an agreement on effective measures for the control of atomic energy is itself dependent on co-operation in the broader fields of policy."

"The failure to achieve agreement on the international control

of atomic energy arises from a situation that is beyond the competence of this Commission.

No Useful Purpose

"In this situation, the Commission concludes that no useful purpose can be served by carrying on negotiations at the Commission level."

Accordingly, the Commission recommended that until the General Assembly found that "this situation no longer exists," or until such time as the Big Five and Canada could reach agreement privately, the Atomic Energy Commission should suspend its activities.

This report will be debated in the Security Council and then passed on to the General Assembly in September.

Of the 17 nations which have so far sat on the Atomic Energy Commission, all but three have agreed with the atomic control scheme based on the original "Baruch plan."—Reuter.

Mosley Branches Out In The Empire

London, May 7.

The "Union" Movement headed by Sir Oswald Mosley, former leader of the British Union of Fascists, has made all preparations to open branches in Calcutta, Bombay and Madras, a spokesman of the Movement announced today.

He stated that a large number of Hindus and Moslems in India and Pakistan were interested in the Movement and were supporting the cause.

Branches of the Union are to be opened at a later date in Karachi and Dacca as part of a plan to spread the organisation throughout the British Empire.—Reuter.

Plebiscite Plan Frowned On

Lake Success, May 7.

Pakistan told the Security Council tonight that she was not in a position to carry out her part in the plebiscite plan for Kashmir, but Sir Zafarullah Khan, her Foreign Minister, added that he personally wished to see the United Nations take action as soon as possible.

As the Council opened, its President, M. Alexandre Parodi (France), announced he had chosen the United States as the fifth member of the Security Council's plebiscite commission for Kashmir on the question of accession to Pakistan or India.

The other members of the commission are Argentina, Czechoslovakia, Colombia and Belgium.

The first two, chosen by India, were to have chosen the fifth member, but could not agree, and the choice then fell to the President of the Council.

Sir Zafarullah then said he hoped the commission would be got together as soon as possible, adding that he was speaking "completely as an individual, keenly and passionately desirous of peace."

Earlier, he delivered a letter to the President of the Council in which Pakistan said that the measures indicated in the Council's resolution "are not adequate to ensure a free and impartial plebiscite."

India yesterday took a similar stand, saying that she would be "glad to confer" with the proposed commission, but maintaining objections to some measures of the plebiscite proposals.—Reuter.

REPRISAL BY HYDERABAD

Hyderabad, May 8.

It was learned reliably that the Nizam of Hyderabad's Government is refusing to issue export permits for the valuable oilseed crop to Bombay, officials saying that this step is in reprisal for Bombay's continued economic blockade of Hyderabad State.

Castor seeds valued at 10,000,000 rupees are lying in Hyderabad awaiting shipment. Hyderabad is the main producer of castor seeds and is also a valuable producer of linseed and cottonseed products, which form an important percentage of India's hard currency exports.—United Press.

GOLD BAN

New Delhi, May 8.

The Government of India has banned the export of gold and silver from India to Pakistan, effective immediately, a Finance Ministry communiqué said last night.—Associated Press.

U.S. SHOULD ACT ON ITS OWN

New York, May 8.

A Collier's Magazine article by George Creel, radioed from Tokyo, stated that a peace treaty with Japan was long past due and "if the stubborn hostility of other nations continues to compel postponement, the United States should take unilateral action if necessary to restore Japan to a peacetime basis."

Creel declared that some American correspondents' complaints should be directed at "subordinates rather than the Supreme Commander himself."

CIVIL AIRLINE MERGER PLANNED

London, May 8.

France and Britain are examining the possibilities of pooling the operation of certain civil air lines, a spokesman for the Ministry of Civil Aviation said today.

The inquiries, he said, are "informal" and are based on the assumption that other European air lines might wish to take part in pooling arrangements.

The Ministry would not comment on reports here that a pooling arrangement with American airlines to improve the trans-Atlantic services and to bring about economies is also under consideration.

Washington dispatches published here said that Belgian and Dutch air lines are studying suggestions that duplicated services be discontinued and that maintenance services be unified. The spokesman said it is too early to predict the outcome of the negotiations with France.—Associated Press.

LORDS MOVE ON DEATH PENALTY

London, May 7.

A move is to be made in the House of Lords to reject a clause suspending the death penalty for murder for five years, which was included in a bill on penal reform by the House of Lords on April 30.

The House of Commons' decision was reached against the wishes of the Government, which had allowed a free vote because it was a matter of conscience. But the Government accepted it and announced that until the bill became law, there would be hangings.

When the House of Lords debated the bill last month, several prominent Conservatives advocated rejection of the clause.

Today, Lord Leighton, Conservative, tabled an amendment to delete it. If this is done, the bill will have to go back to the House of Commons for reconsideration.—Reuter.

AGREEMENT WITH NORWAY

Oslo, May 7.

The Norwegian Foreign Office announced today that agreement had been reached between the British trade delegation here and the Norwegian authorities concerning clearing payments between Norway and the sterling area.

The draft agreement had been sent to the two Governments for ratification.—Reuter.

Zoo Keepers Hunt Percy The Pelican

London, May 8.

Percy the Pelican, who took to his wings when Zoo keepers tried to clip them, played hide and seek with stalkers over much of the English landscape today.

The pelican flapped from out of his keepers' hands at Whipsnade Zoo in Bedfordshire on Thursday, starting an exciting chase and any number of reports about free pelicans.

The latest communiqué said Percy had been spotted in a field about five miles from the Zoo and keepers bearing huge nets were trying to catch it. But pelicans seemed as abundant as sparrows. From four different counties, one, 200 miles to the north-west, came reports of Percy's presence. Zoo men were dubious, solemnly pointing out that pelicans can fly no faster than 14 miles an hour without "refuelling."

Loading up with a fresh supply of fish for bait, the keepers—and their voluntary helpers—vowed, "wherever he is, we'll get him, eventually."—Associated Press.

DIDN'T PAY

Manila, May 8.

Sometimes crime doesn't pay at all in Manila. A young pick-pocket nearly collapsed of heat after trailing a 10-year-old girl for blocks in tropical sun to lift her purse. He got it all right. But while examining the contents, he was overtaken by the law. The loot: 20 Centavos and a lipstick.—Associated Press.

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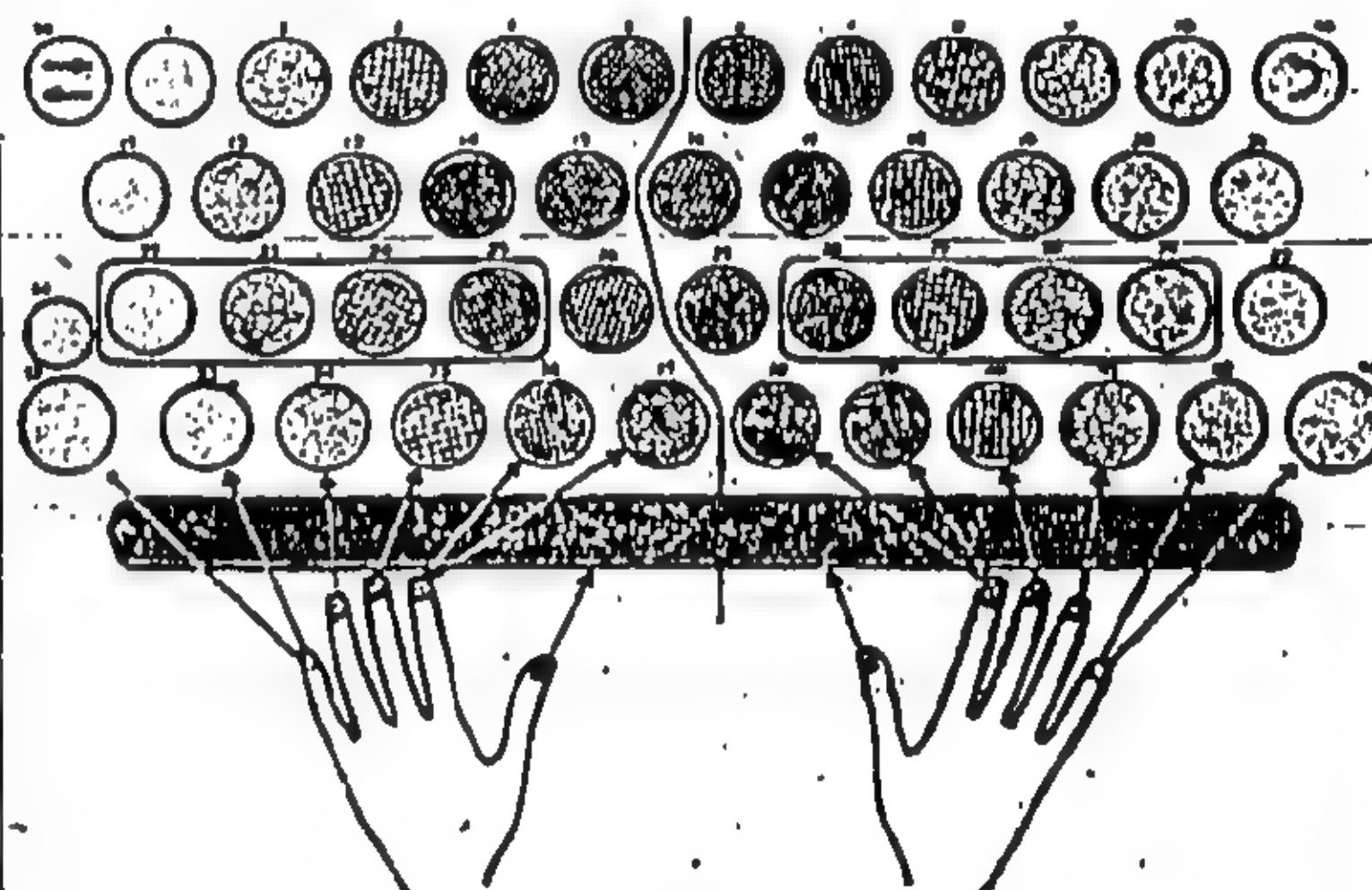
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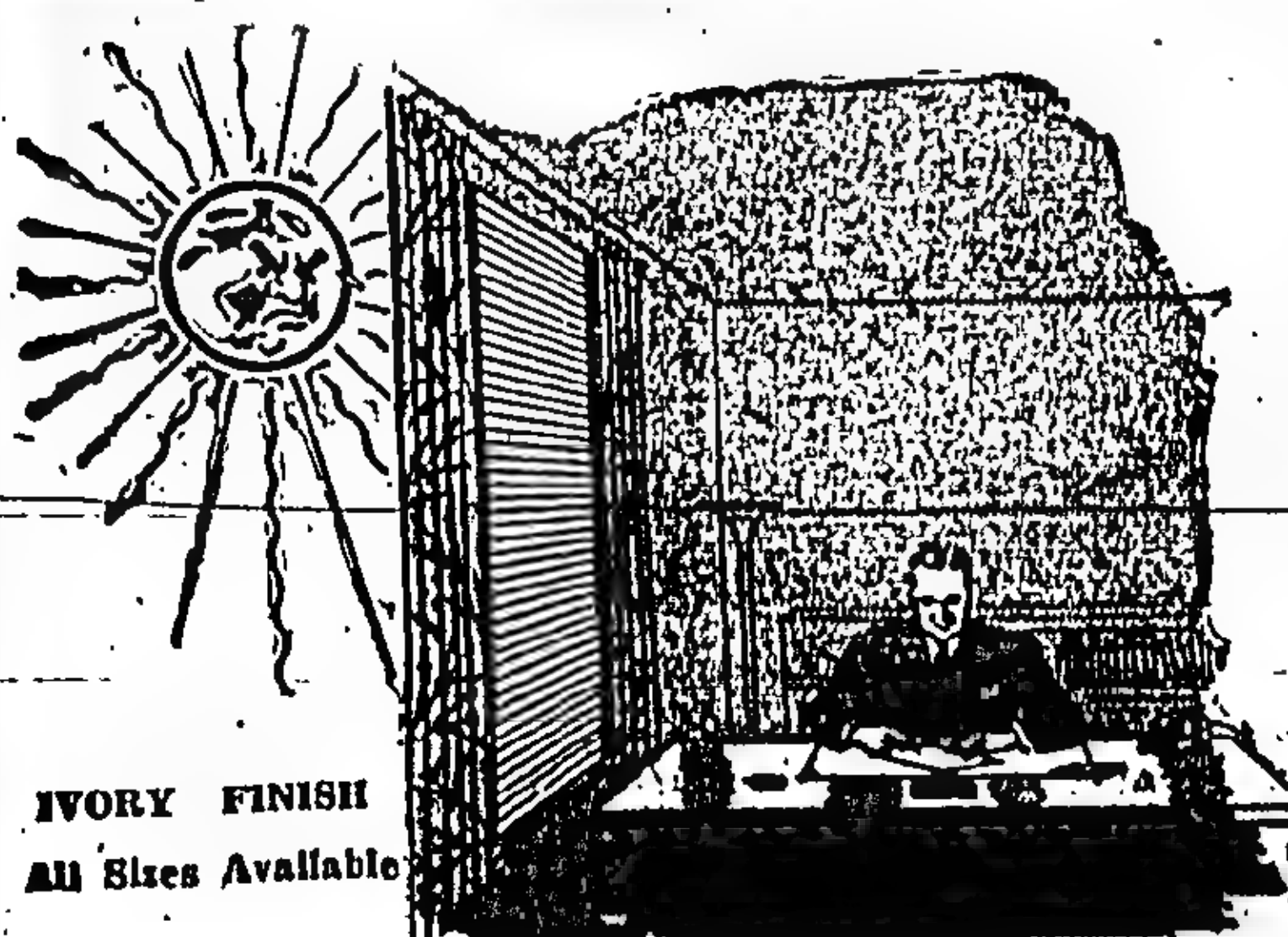
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FBI AND PRICES

The reply of the Federation of British Industries (with which the Association of British Chambers of Commerce and the National Union of Manufacturers are associated) to Sir Stafford Cripp's request to make proposals for a reduction in prices goes gyrate as far as could be expected. It meets the Chancellor of the Exchequer rather more than half-way in his attempt to obtain a voluntary stabilisation of wages and prices and has been welcomed by him as a good basis for action. Though it hints very pertinently that the stabilisation of wages at the present level, combined with a reduction in prices, would merely involve a continuation of inflationary pressure, it accepts for the period of one year the limitation of dividends, and recommends reductions in prices of goods and services wherever possible. But the view taken of this possibility is naturally far from optimistic, since selling prices have not yet been adjusted to sharp increases which have recently taken place in manufacturing costs, and some formidable recent increases in the cost of various raw materials are quoted, such as wool, cotton, leather, wood pulp and coal.

After emphasising that the real key to a reduction of costs and prices is increased productivity, some hope is held out for a reduction of prices—in some (unspecified) industries—even though this will entail reduced profits. But this hope is qualified by the statement that it is not immediately possible in many industries for price reductions to be made. Finally, the Government is reminded that in the matter of fuel and transport what is sauce for the goose is also sauce for the gander, and is urged to create a substantial budgetary surplus, not by increasing taxation but by reducing expenditure.

The replies of the National Joint Standing Committee on Wholesale Distribution, and the Retail Distributive Trades Conference display a similar co-operative spirit, but their real import can be summed up as *Tirez les premiers, Messieurs du Gouvernement*. Voluntary deflation by mutual agreement is not as easy as it sounds, as the recent experience has shown. Nor would it seem that the prospects of its success are rated very highly in the Economic Survey. The principal measures necessary to cure inflation are well known, but the medicine is certainly a bitter one which the public has too long been encouraged to regard as a poison. It is therefore natural enough in the circumstances that the Government's attempt to cope with the economic crisis should assume the aspect of a political deal, the only bait by which trade union opinion could be persuaded to swallow a policy of wage stabilisation. But that is just what makes the present situation so desperately serious. For until the man in the street can be made to look at the facts in all their nakedness, it will hardly be practicable for a Labour Government to take the drastic measures that are known, at any rate by its more instructed members, to be vitally necessary. Some advance in this direction has been made in the Economic Survey, the popular version of which, though far from perfect, is at any rate an improvement on its predecessor.

ILLOGICAL PROPAGANDA

By H.G.W. Woodhead C.B.E.

I doubt whether there are any Universities or Colleges in Harbin, in the heart of Red Manchuria. But I am going to suppose that there are. And I am going further, to enquire upon my "educated" friends in the scene of large-scale student demonstrations. According to a prearranged plan, upwards of ten thousand University and College students of both sexes, assembled at the campus of the National Yed University. There they took part in a mass and group meetings, the purpose of which was to denounce Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of China's Communist "Government" and Comrade Joseph Stalin "Dictator" of Russia. Effigies of both heroes were burnt in effigy, and the slogans howled by the students included "Down with Soviet Imperialism" and "Down with the Dictatorship of the Chinese Reds for ruining their country." Moscow was vigorously denounced for building up Germany into a world power, which again would threaten the peace of the whole world.

The Problem

Mutatis mutandis this is what occurred on May 4 in Shanghai, where upwards of ten thousand University and Middle School students assembled on the Campus of the National Chaotung University to denounce the United States for building up Japan into a world power which would again threaten China and the world, and for giving military aid to China; and effigies of "Uncle Sam" and the "Chinese Dictator" were burnt in effigy. The United States has not been one of the published virtues of the Kuomintang this subversive gathering appears to have proceeded without police interference, other than the throwing of a cordon around the campus to prevent processions through the City. But try to imagine, if you can, its being possible for students in Communist-controlled territory to organize, much less attend, any meeting that was not officially sponsored, and try to imagine that would be likely to happen in Harbin (or in Moscow) if students succeeded in overthrowing the authorities sufficient to hold a mass meeting, and then denounce a friendly Power and the titular chief of the Red Government. There would almost certainly be a massacre, and almost equally certainly, most of the surviving demonstrators would be shipped off without delay or trial to forced labour in some remote district, and never be heard of again.

The credulity and mischievousness of the Chinese body is really unbelievable. One can well believe that the runaway inflation which has resulted in reducing all but the wealthiest students to semi-starvation, and the members of the Faculty to salaries lower than those of most ricksha coolies, is causing intense and dangerous discontent. But it is really difficult to believe that any students with a smattering of knowledge of world affairs can seriously believe that the position would be improved by throwing America's generous aid back in her face, or replacing the admittedly unsatisfactory Kuomintang regime by a Communist administration.

U.S. Aid

As regards the United States, the basic attitude of the student nation is what is most striking. Up to the end of 1947 the American taxpayer had contributed aid to China totalling \$2,000,278,000 (or approximately

\$500,000,000). Of this huge sum \$24,721,000 was for military aid; the balance included \$970,107,000 for relief and rehabilitation, \$185,000,000 for food aid, \$1,000,000,000 for educational and philanthropic assistance. The grants made for education, for equipment, books, medical education, scholarships, etc., and did not include the large sum spent by the American Christian Churches in re-establishing and maintaining Christian Universities and Colleges in various parts of China. The new "United States" will consist mainly of supplies for China's half-starved population, and raw materials for her industries, which, if honestly expended must benefit the students in question. Military aid, if given at all, will be on an extremely limited scale, since the American Government, like all other friends of China, fully realizes that it is not by the present classes of Chinese, but by the masses of Chinese, that the alternative to the acceptance and fruitful exploitation of this aid is a spread of the paralysing cancer of Communism until all China is at the mercy of a group of men who whom the form of freedom is anathema, and any form of education that is not based upon Communist indoctrination is treason. The destruction of railways and other means of transport and communication, of public utilities and industries, of churches, hospitals and educational institutions, that has followed every extension of Communist control in China, if continued would leave that country so impoverished and demoralized that it might be a century or more before there could be any hope of recovery.

What To Them

The students, of course, are not alone in being wilfully blind to the consequences of China going "Red". What are we to think of the group of Chinese dissidents in Hongkong who only recently concocted cables to the Chinese Communist Party, the "Christian General" and a Singapore Chinese, in which the Red forces which have been spreading and spreading and spreading in North China are referred to as the "Liberation Army," and it is seriously suggested that "the complete recovery of the nation" depends upon its "expected complete success." When an appeal is made for the establishment of a democratic coalition government, it is possible that the signatories are ignorant of what followed the formation of such "coalition governments" in Hungary, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, etc. Must one suppose that "follow-travellers" in China, as in other parts of the world are smitten with a form of political blindness in which only "Red" is visible? Is it really credible that students and dissidents who are now so vocal in their advocacy of a Communist China fail to realize that if they attained their end there would be short shrift for any Chinese who realized, and believed, that the Communist had converted China into a modern Utopia?

The Kuomintang regime as already stated has not acquired a reputation for tolerance or liberalism. But one would hardly expect it to happen to anti-Communist riots or demonstrations in Red China to realize that it is far more tolerant than the party that seeks to replace it. And this makes it the more amazing that men and women, and students, who profess their

support for liberal ideas are quite willing to participate in fostering political, mental and moral fetters upon their fellow-citizens. If they were to have their own way, their awakening would come too late. There is not a single country in which Communist control has not been followed by the immediate suppression of freedom of speech, assembly and of publication. In most countries, which have come under Red domination extensive purges of liberals and intellectuals have followed as a matter of course.

The New Line

It is noteworthy that both the subordinate students and the Hongkong dissidents charge the United States with standing for "the revival of the Japanese aggressive forces." This, apparently, is to be the new Communist propaganda line. Apparently because China has been thrown into chaos, largely as a result of Red activities, Japan must be reduced to the same plight. China, like Britain and the British Dominions has every right to demand that Japan be prevented from recovery in such a form that she could again become a menace to world peace. But no sane Briton or American desires to exploit the Allied victory over Japan to introduce an era of anarchy and chaos. It is reasonable to expect such peaceful Japanese industries as are essential for providing the means of livelihood of some eighty million people to be left intact. China from end to end. Unless, under such a policy, the Japanese were to be left to starve, the burden of feeding and sustaining the defeated and my would remain indefinitely upon the shoulders of the United States. America is offering generous assistance to China—as well as to Europe. If China spurns that aid—as some of her students and self-styled liberals do—she plunges into the abyss of anarchy and industrial paralysis, she cannot reasonably expect her former Allies deliberately to adopt a policy of enforcing a similar chaos and anarchy upon Japan. It is open affront to the nation that contributed the major share to the defeat of Japan to charge it with reviving Japan's aggressive forces.

Northern Premiers To Meet

Stockholm, May 8.—Scandinavian questions such as prospects of close military cooperation are likely to be discussed when the premiers of the three Scandinavian countries meet in Stockholm on Sunday, informed political circles said today.

The meeting gained importance in conjunction with a statement by Sweden's Minister of Social Affairs, Gustav Moller, in Copenhagen yesterday that the "Nordic countries must be united and unshakably united. Military collaboration between the three countries cannot and must not be delayed."

The Foreign Office and the Defence Minister, Allan Vought, refused to comment upon Moller's statement which, however, was commonly believed to reflect the opinion of the Government.—United Press.

ITALY REJECTS RUSSIAN RULE

One of the method's peculiar advantages is that Russia risks so little. She pays out, of course, a good deal of money; but the amounts, though large in relation to the revenues of political parties, are small in relation to the price of a great victory. The price of a great victory is the subjugation of Europe; as has been pointed out here before now, if Italy fell

them. In Mr. Marshall we may now have found such a statesman.

Christian Force

The new majority in the Italian Parliament is Christian Democrat. "Christian" means that it is Roman Catholic; while "Democrat" implies that it believes in Parliament and the sovereignty of free voters, and not in

By SCRUTATOR

France could not stand, and if France fell the rest of the Continent must fall with her. Russia will not stop playing for time, merely because she has missed it this time.

But she missed it largely because, almost for the first time, she took active steps to counter her propaganda. The American, British and French Governments all had some part in this, but the chief credit for opening the eyes of the people goes to the American people. The courses boldly followed and their complete success supply one more testimony to the insight and foresight of this remarkable man. People often, and rightly, draw parallels between the situation created by Hitler in the years before the war and that created by the Kremlin now. There is one important difference. Before the war the nations threatened by Hitler (which did not include the United States) were thrown up between them and the right conclusion at each successive stage and of rallying the various Governments to act on

any kind of force-engendered tyranny. A similar party shares power in France, and another is revealing itself as the strongest political force in Western Germany; so that the significance of this conjunction of ideas for the new Europe may obviously be very great. How far it will go, and whether in this period of a distracted Continent, will depend not a little on how the Italian Prime Minister interprets this new mandate.

The "Christian" forces which have carried him to victory include very varied political outlooks. Some are spiritual and conservative; others idealist and humanitarian; others obscure and heavily reactionary. The Church in Italy is always somewhat handicapped by the ramifications of its property interests, and also by the rather unhappy traditions of Papal rule during the nineteenth century. If the Christian Government helps it to live down all that, it may greatly enhance the hold of living Christianity upon the countrymen of the Pope. But to do so it must turn a deaf ear to the reactionaries, and enlist, so far as it can,

THE FIGHT AGAINST EVIL

There are welcome signs that Christians begin to realize the meaning of the present crisis. The recent meeting in the Albert Hall, at which Christians were called to action in support of the union of Western Europe and of its direction along Christian lines, was intended to inaugurate a campaign that may make Christian action effective in national and international affairs, by spreading the conviction that only by such means can national and international life be rescued from insecurity and disorder.

The present crisis is fundamentally spiritual. This is not to deny that economic and political problems must be tackled with practical knowledge of cause and cure; nor is it suggested that a recognition of the true nature of the crisis will allow us to avoid facing the material necessities of the situation. Pie in the sky will not feed the hungry, nor will the robes of heaven give warmth to the naked. But man does not live by bread alone. Progressive democracy will not be able to sustain an ordered and free civilisation on the basis of materialist opportunism or the threat of violence, within or without it. The spiritual force of spiritual and moral impulse.

Battle of Ideas

The danger of totalitarianism and other materialist forms of Government do not consist so much in their effect upon particular issues, whether social or political, as in their common threat to liberal and Christian values, without which democracy cannot survive. The danger must be fought on the level of ideas. And it is not so much a fight between two political philosophies as between two religious faiths. The one, in whose defence Christians must act, professes that man, made in the image of God, and endowed with the power and privilege of a free personality, is a child of two environments, the material and the spiritual; the brotherhood of man, the Fatherhood of God. To the other, man is a mechanical instrument of society, which decides for him his part in the inevitable movement of "history" towards its material end.

The conflict in which we find ourselves is, then, at heart a strife between opposing faiths about the nature of man. Materialism, the most logical expression of materialist thought, is as much as Christianity a religion; it has its church, its priesthood, its creed and its eschatology. Its adherents profess a sacred logic, their faith with an intensity that may well cause shame to many Christians. And such a faith will be countered, not by sentimentality nor by competitive alternatives in the material field, but only by a dynamic expression of the Christian faith. But for one reason or another the Churches have largely failed to make their message audible to the great mass of men and women, who today are groping for a faith that will give them a sense of purpose and direction. The Church should have nothing to do with politics or economics. Christians indeed must bear a heavy individual and collective responsibility for the present

would picture by reason of their past and present failures to translate principles into action.

Faith and Strength

What, then, is demanded of Christians now? Surely that they should openly and valiantly proclaim by word and deed the significance for men of the Cross of Christ and His Resurrection, and boldly reaffirm their faith in the reality of God's providence in human history. They must show publicly that God's justice and His love can assuredly make the spring of new strength and health to wasted bodies and despairing souls; they must do everything in their power by Christian action to influence in accordance with Christian standards all decisions of national or international importance.

Against the tide of barbarism in the past the Church of Christ waged a spiritual warfare. It was the unifying power in Europe upon the basis of which our Western civilisation developed. In spite of all its failure and shortcomings it knew its task and it succeeded in large measure in fulfilling it. Not until the Renaissance and the Reformation did it begin to lose sight of its true end. And its failure to drive home the true character of our present distress has been a disaster of the first magnitude. But though the sands run out there is yet time.

So today we may draw a parallel with the past. The Churches, through Christian action, may become the unifying force in a rapidly disintegrating civilisation. Against new destructive forces, menacing human life, Christian unity in action may give the world the chance to stand firm and finally to overcome them. But there need be and can be no compromise with materialist creeds. There must, of course, be a recognition of the material needs of all those who hold the precious Christian values which past ages have won, and who are determined at whatever cost to preserve them.

So shall the tide of evil, already swirling about our feet, be stemmed by the firm planting of the Cross of Christ in all the fields of human endeavour, by those who claim to have found true happiness in His love and acceptance of Christ as Lord and Saviour. But Christian action in defence of liberal and Christian values will never, if it is directed with judgment, be the actual cause of the evil which we are now placed. It will succeed only if the battle is deliberately planned and wisely joined. Christians must know just where best to plant the Cross in order that it may meet the actual manifestations of the evils against which they contend. And they must rally to their aid all Christians and non-Christians alike, who hope through ways of peace to build an ordered society of free and self-respecting citizens.

Western Union.

At this moment the brightest ray of hope in men's hearts is kindled by the attempts now being made to form a union of the Western European nations. Here then is the point at which immediate action can be taken. For the Western Union was mainly an expedient, desired either for economic or political ends, it would fail; if it were to be used as a military threat it might well lead the world to irreparable disaster. But if it is to be a step towards world peace, it must demand, and receive, from those who participate in it a real measure of self-sacrifice. To some extent, at least the nations concerned will have to surrender of the old conception of national sovereignty. And the Christian gospel, with its call for individual and corporate self-sacrifice in the cause of human happiness, can give to this union the spiritual quality of selflessness which may make it a solid bastion for peace and a spiritual weapon of the finest quality against the evils which now beset us.

It is in truth only the power of Christianity—that can bring salvation to mankind and arrest the forces that from extreme Left or Right are concerned, to raise new and formidable upon the ruins of man's former freedoms. And only if all professing Christians undertake to the limit of their power to join in a campaign for positive Christian action can Christianity play its rightful part in this struggle, which will be decisive for the future peace and happiness of the world.

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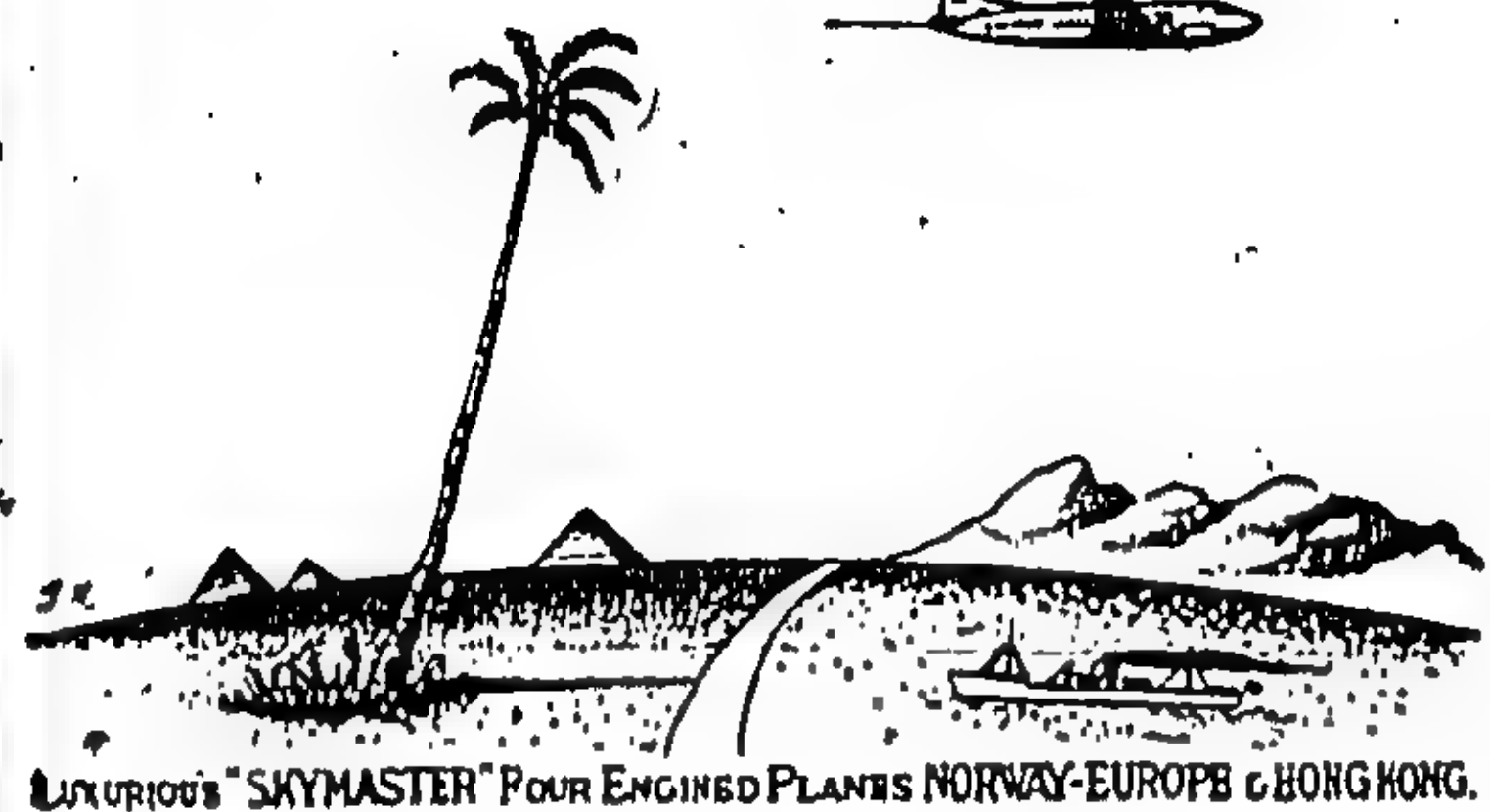
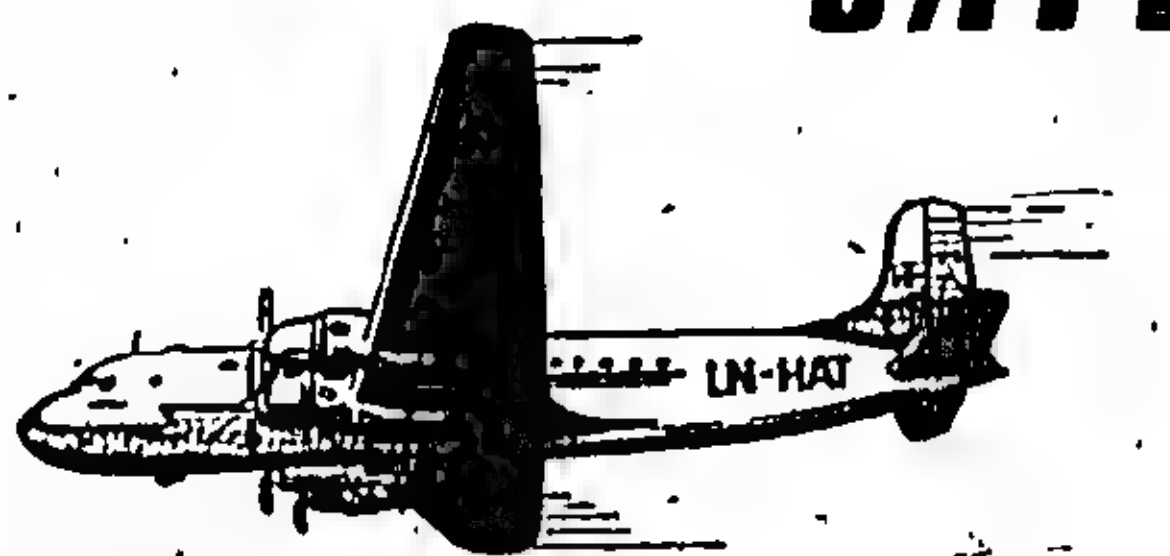
Shannon, May 8.—Shannon air control officers said this afternoon that an American twin-engined Douglas transport with two persons aboard which failed to reach here on Wednesday on a flight from Gander, must be presumed lost at sea.

The plane was owned by the Superior Oil Company.

Nothing has been heard of the aircraft since a brief message early on Wednesday, and a search over the eastern Atlantic by British planes has been abandoned. Associated Press.

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HAGUE CONFERENCE APPLAUDS WINSTON

European Council Called For

The Hague, May 7.
Mr. Winston Churchill wore a full-length black frock coat as he sat in the front row of the Tribune of Honour at the opening of the Congress of Europe today. "The New Look," one delegate commented.
Mr. Churchill sat between Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands.

Under the high arched oak beams, the white walls of the Hall of Knights was decorated with a giant red letter "E"—the symbol of the Congress of Europe.
Dr. Willem Visser, Burgomaster of The Hague, rose to welcome the delegates. He spoke in French. The chairman of the Dutch delegation spoke English in his speech of welcome, and his first mention of Mr. Churchill, who, as honorary chairman of the first plenary session, would be the next to speak, was greeted with spontaneous applause.
The entire Congress rose to its feet and applauded Mr. Churchill as he ended his speech.

The Congress was addressed by other European statesmen, including M. Paul Van Zeeland, former Belgian Premier, and M. Paul Ramadier, French Socialist leader.
The crowds which jammed the square outside the flower-decorated Hall gave the delegates a rousing welcome as they assembled. The guests invited to the first plenary session included the whole of The Hague diplomatic corps.

The Congress unanimously resolved to invite other nations, not participating, to associate themselves with the ideal of a united Europe.
The resolution stated: "At the outset of its work, the Congress of Europe wishes to affirm that the aims which it is pursuing will not be fully achieved until the day when the whole of Europe is united and organized."
Considering that 16 nations have already signified their decision to cooperate, the Congress affirms that it cannot allow its association to be of a restrictive nature and therefore addresses to all peoples a fraternal greeting.

TOBACCO FACTORIES TO COME SOUTH?

Shanghai, May 8.
Local cigarette factories are making preparations to join the southward movement of industry, according to the China Press today.

The paper said that the Fao Sin Tobacco Company, one of the biggest cigarette factories in Shanghai, has already set up a plant in Hong Kong.

Its officials are quoted as stating that as soon as marketing conditions in the British colony improve, the plant will start operating.

These officials are further stated to have disclosed that their management recently made a survey in Hong Kong and found that the colony prefers imported cigarettes, and Chinese cigarettes do not command a good market. However, the survey also showed that cigarette and celluloid paper in Hong Kong is much cheaper than in Shanghai, while cigarettes are higher.—Reuter.

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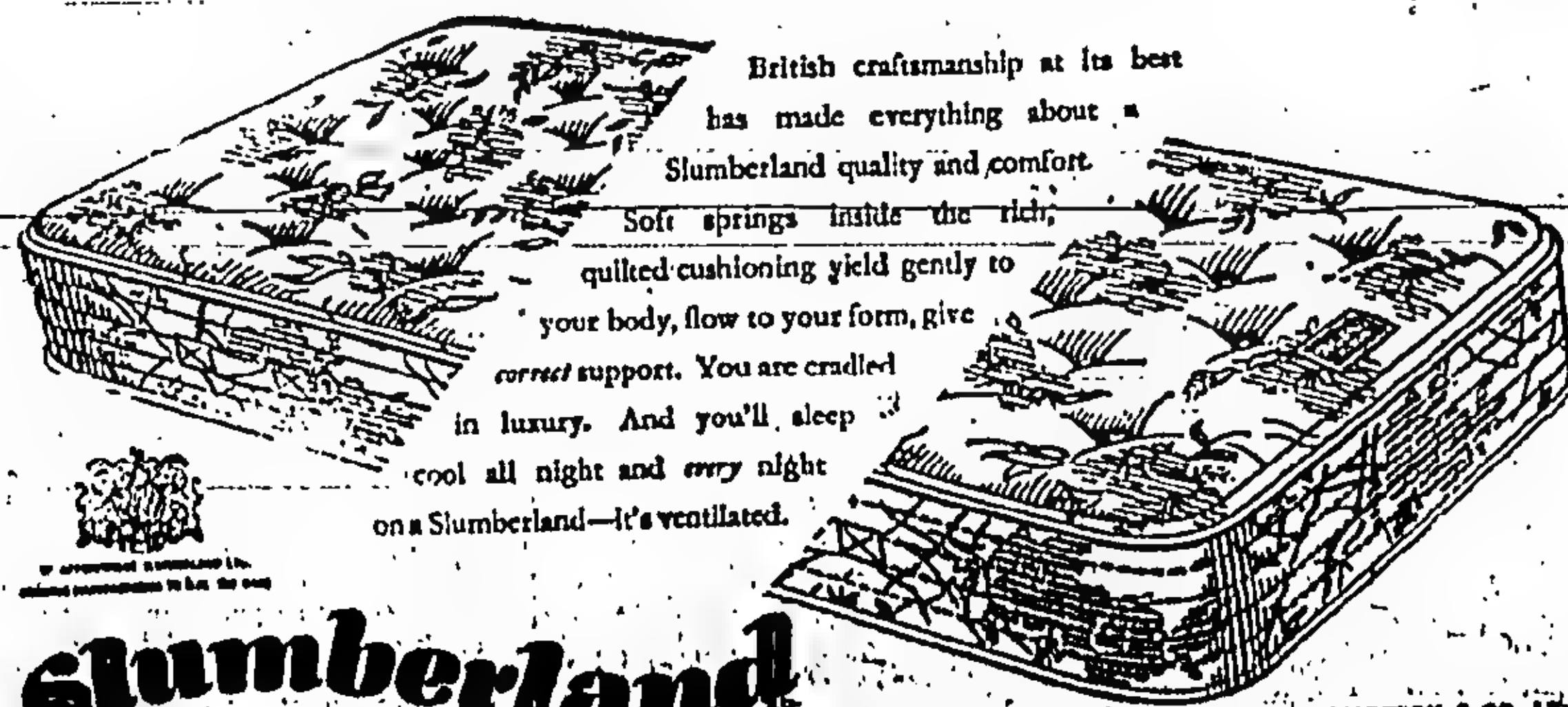
Copenhagen, May 8.
Princess Anne de Bourbon-Parma arrived in Copenhagen yesterday by plane from Paris, her brother Prince Michel told the Associated Press.
Michel said that Princess Anne had not brought her newly-bought trousseau with her from Paris.
Asked whether she had told her family anything further on the prospects of her marriage to ex-king Michael of Rumania, Michel said "we cannot say anything yet."
The Princess would not make any statements to the press herself.—Associated Press

AMERICA TO CARRY ON

Washington, May 8.
The United States will continue uninterrupted its information service activities in Poland in spite of a Polish complaint about them, the State Department said today.
A Polish Foreign Office spokesman's statement that such activities were "placing Polish citizens in jeopardy" was "direct proof—that freedom of information does not exist in Poland."
The State Department spokesman added: "It is the Polish Government and not the American Embassy in Warsaw which is placing Polish citizens in jeopardy."—Reuter.

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Just Common Courtesy

London, May 7.
The shopping done by Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh when they visit Paris at Whitsuntide will be "discreet," it was learned from an official source today.
They will not be restricted to the £35 limit of British holiday makers, but the Royal couple will not make an ostentatious spending spree which would offend the spirit of the present currency regulations in Britain.
As guests of France, they will show the "common courtesy" of purchasing a few things in the French capital.—Reuter.

BRITISH FEELERS ON JAPAN PEACE TREATY

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The Far Eastern peace conference is a matter to which Australia attaches very great importance, but no progress has been made since last December's session of the Foreign Ministers Council in London, writes Reuters, a diplomatic correspondent.
Britain and the United States then vainly tried to persuade

Shanghai Police Round-Up

Shanghai, May 8.
In daylight raids, the Shanghai municipal police yesterday smashed 28 rings allegedly dealing in illegal remittances to Hong Kong and arrested 34 persons suspected of being connected with them, according to Chinese reports.
In an almost unprecedented move to wipe out illegal remittances here, Mr. Cheng Yi-kuan, chief of the Economic Police, mobilised his entire force for the raids.
Mr. Cheng is quoted by the Chinese press as stating that his men had conducted investigations for more than three weeks before acting. The police continued to question the persons arrested until late last night, and it is estimated that tens of billions of Chinese dollars in drafts were seized.—Reuter.

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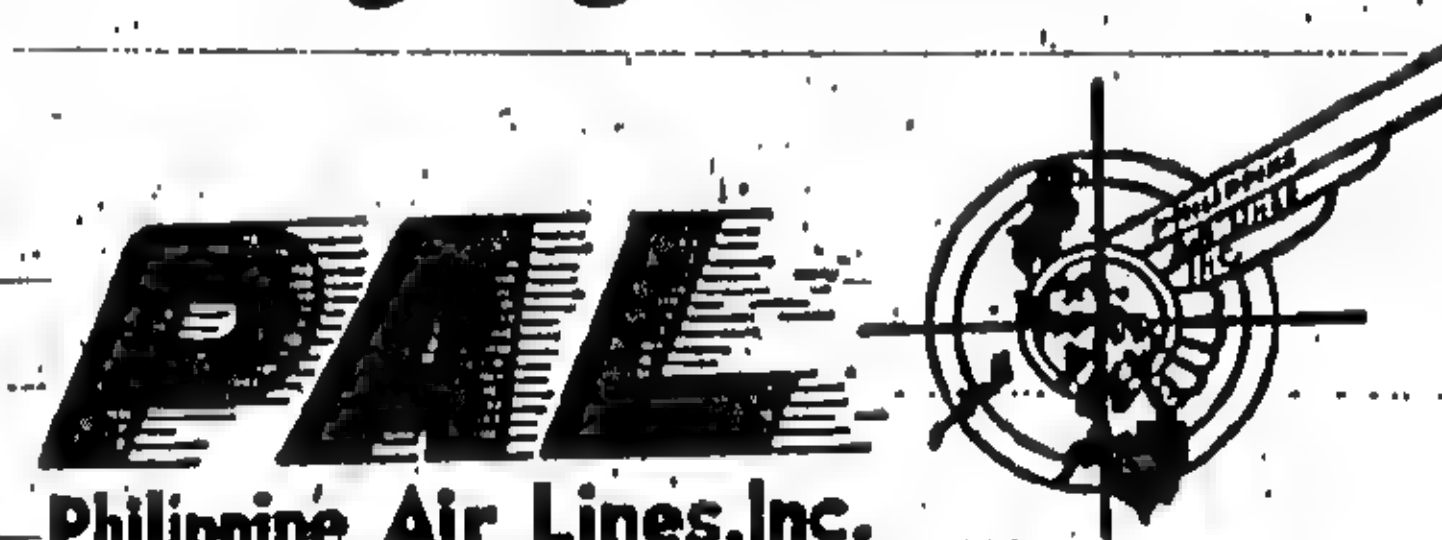
Washington, May 8.
The United States today rejected as "baseless" the British Commonwealth fears that the creation of a Japanese coastguard might mean the beginning of a revival of the Japanese Navy.

Referring to reports that the British Commonwealth representative on the Allied Control Council in Tokyo had protested against certain aspects of a new Japanese law providing for the creation of a Japanese coastguard to prevent smuggling, a State Department spokesman said:

"There is absolutely no basis for the reported fears that this would mean the establishment of an embryonic Japanese Navy, since no steps are being taken to arm the boats."—Reuter.

Montreal, May 8.
Earth tremors, lasting 10 seconds, were felt throughout the island of Montreal. The provincial police reported some walls cracked north of the outskirts of Montreal.—Associated Press.

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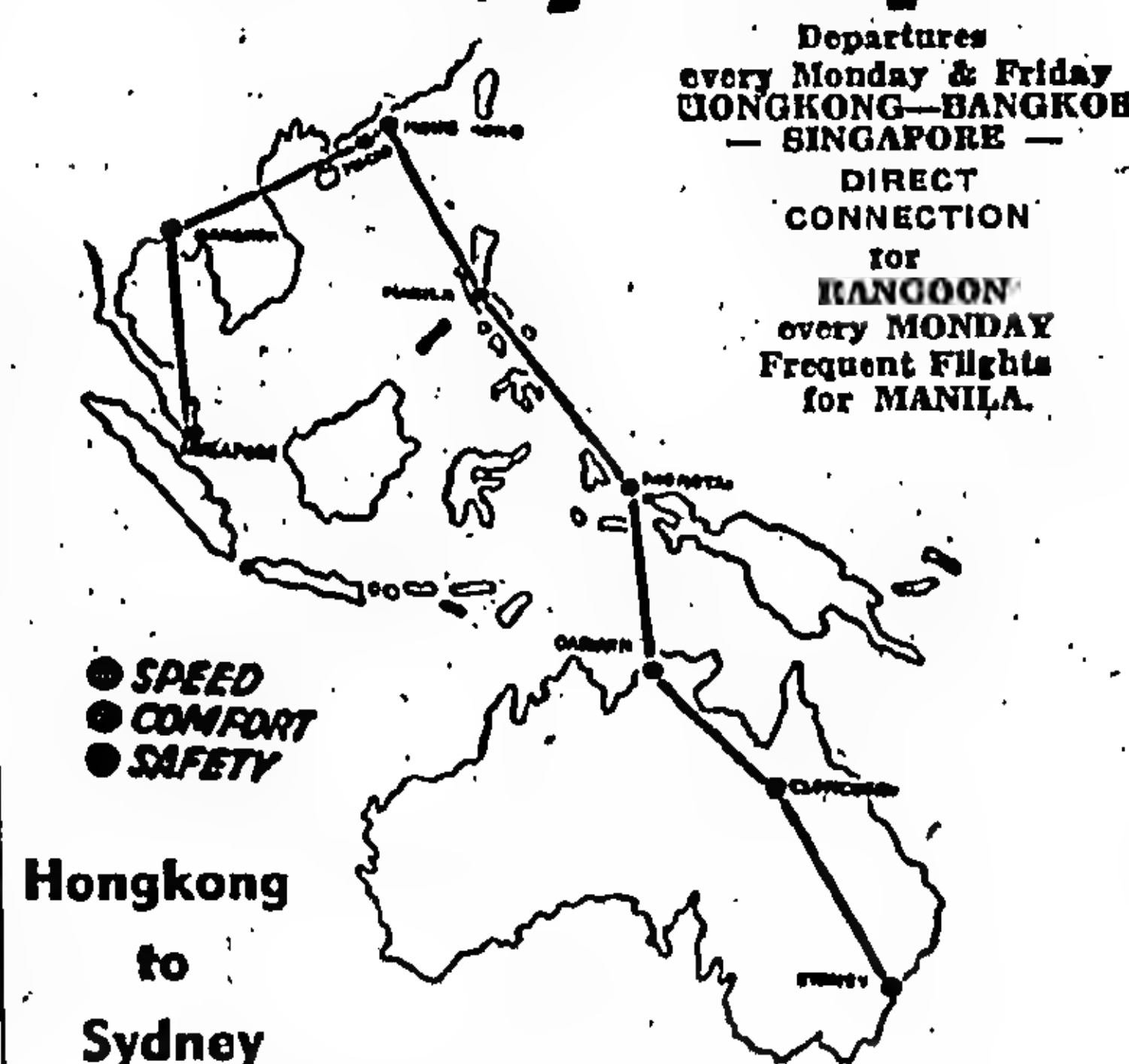
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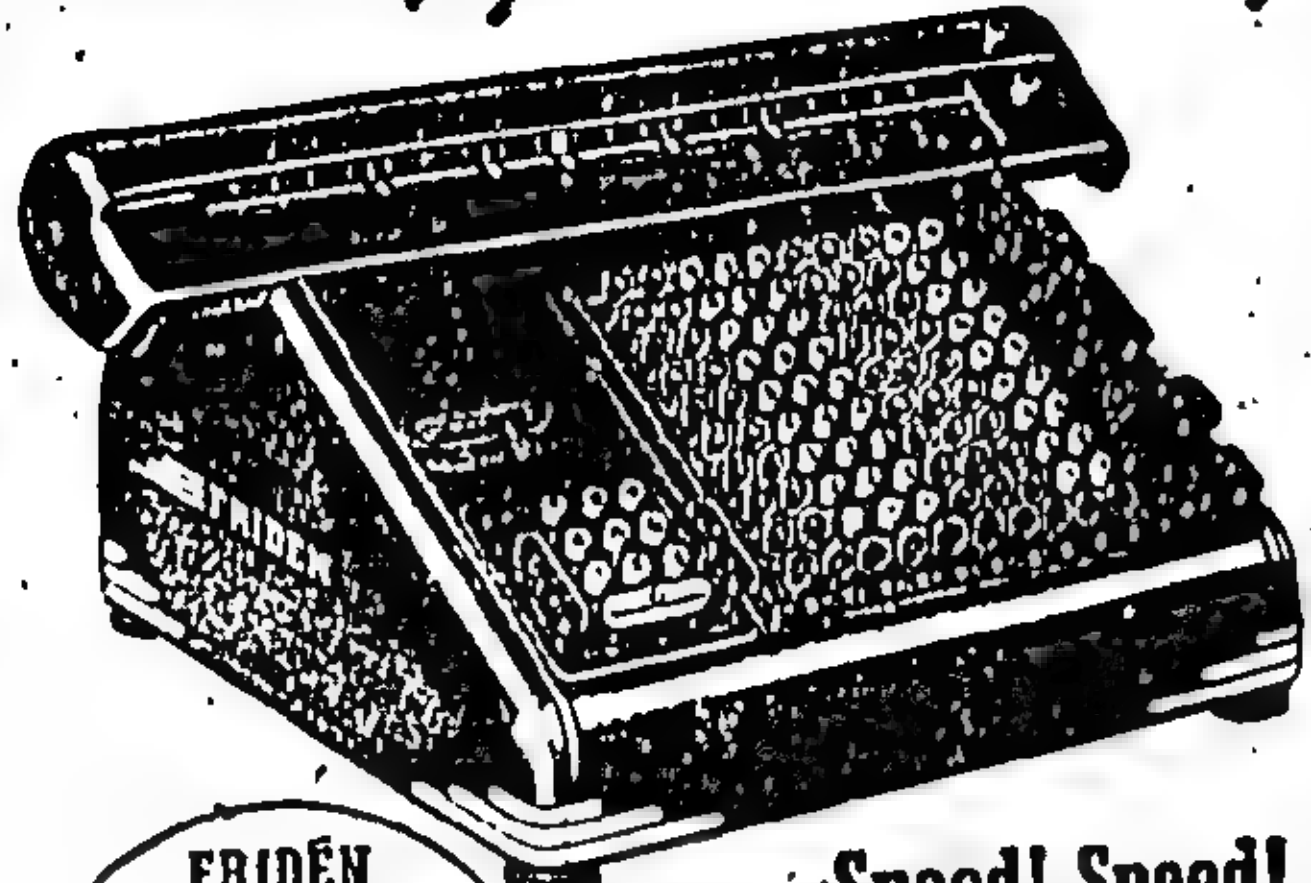
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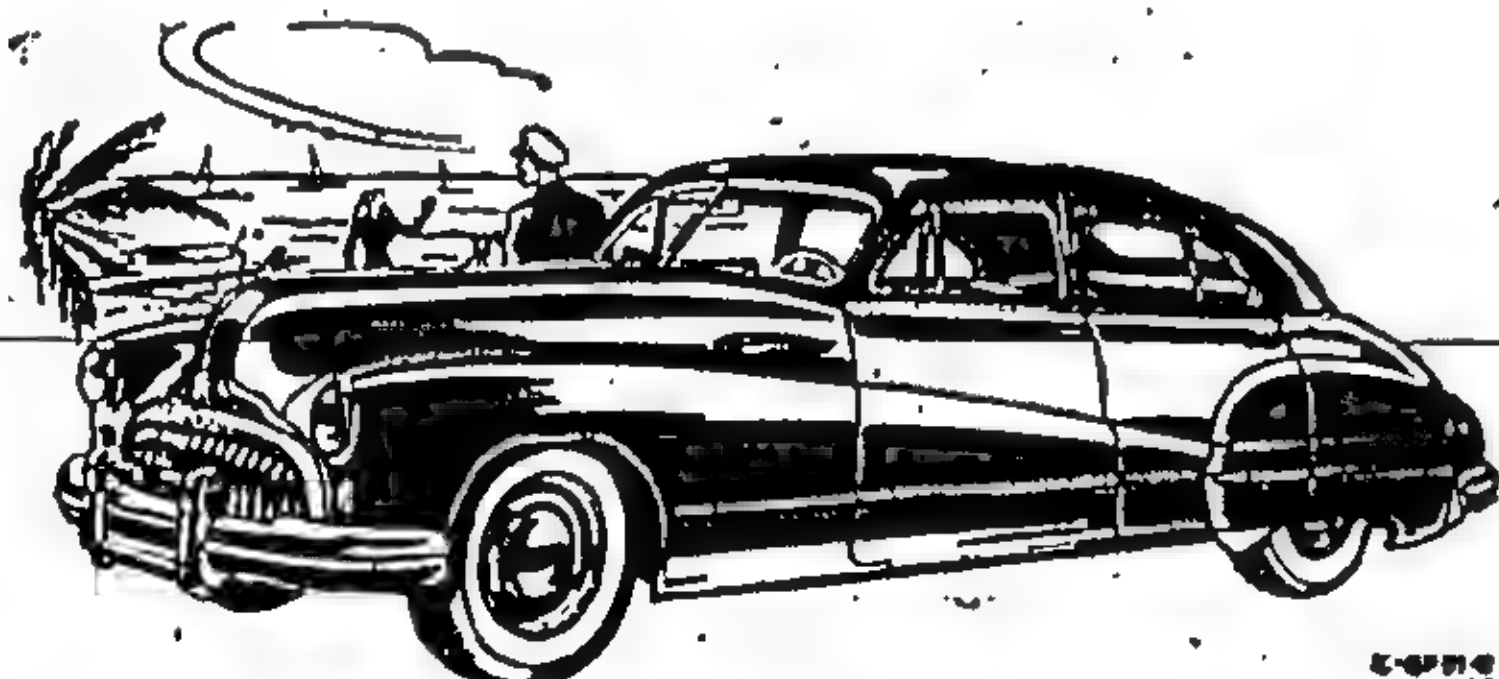
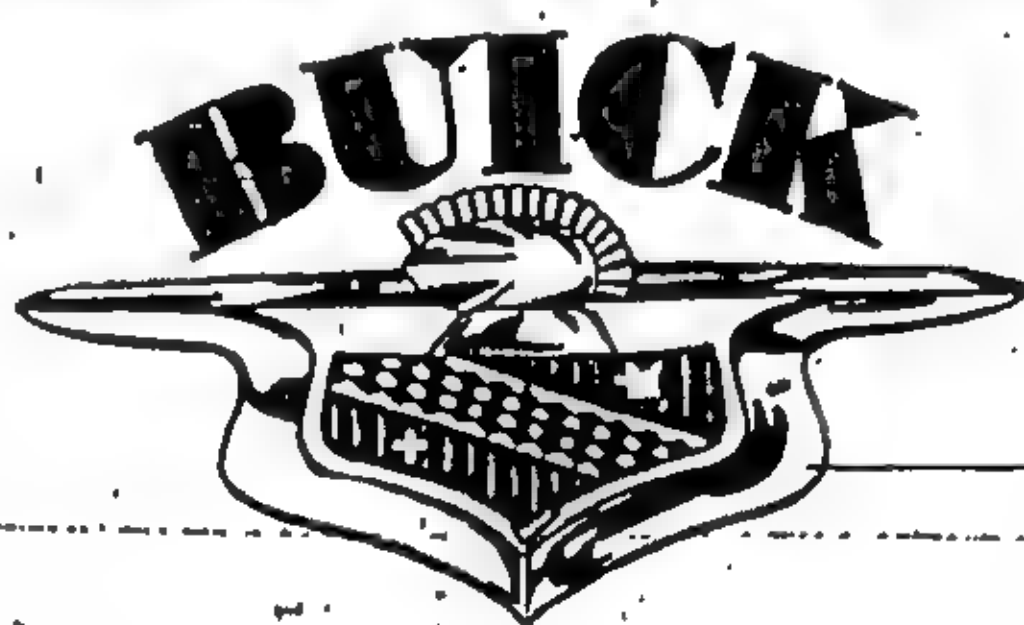
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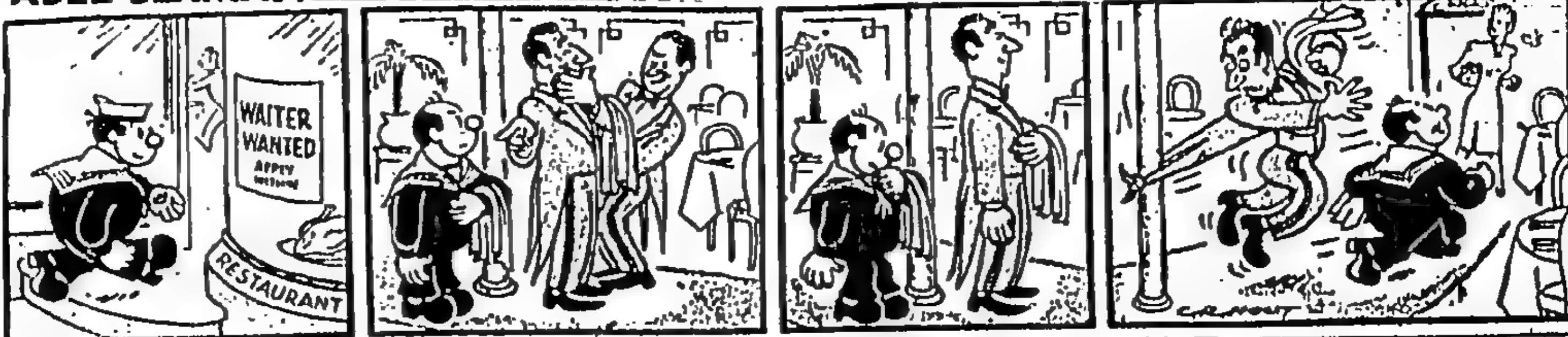
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ATOM BOMB v. BATTLESHIP

A Newcastle Expert's Picture of
The Next War At Sea

By **Maldwyn Pughe**

The Grand Fleet is at sea... enemy aircraft are sighted on radar screens... action stations... atom bombs burst... what happens?

The answer, so far as it applies to our warships as they were equipped at the end of the war, has just been given in London by Mr. Reginald Jack Daniel, 28-year-old married man, father of two young children, wartime Admiralty expert at the Walker Naval Yard, Newcastle, who is secretary to Sir Charles S. Lillicrap, Director of Naval Construction at the Admiralty.

He gave carefully documented, but guarded answers to the problem, "What happens when the atom bomb strikes the 1948 warship?" In the sober atmosphere of the lecture hall of the Royal United Service Institution in Whitehall. And when he had finished, a distinguished shipbuilder whom I may not name said: "He has not told one half of what he knows."

Young, brilliant Daniel was present at the Bikini Atoll experiments. What he saw there he can partly reveal. The secrets that for the security of democracy have been withheld by the United States Government, in close collaboration with the Admiralty and the British Government, are known to him, but he could not reveal them all even to his audience of the nation's leading naval architects and owners.

But this quiet young man, shortish, with curling black hair, blue eyes and a disarmingly engaging manner, brought the experts up with a jolt. He was the sensation of the Spring meeting of the Institution of Naval Architects.

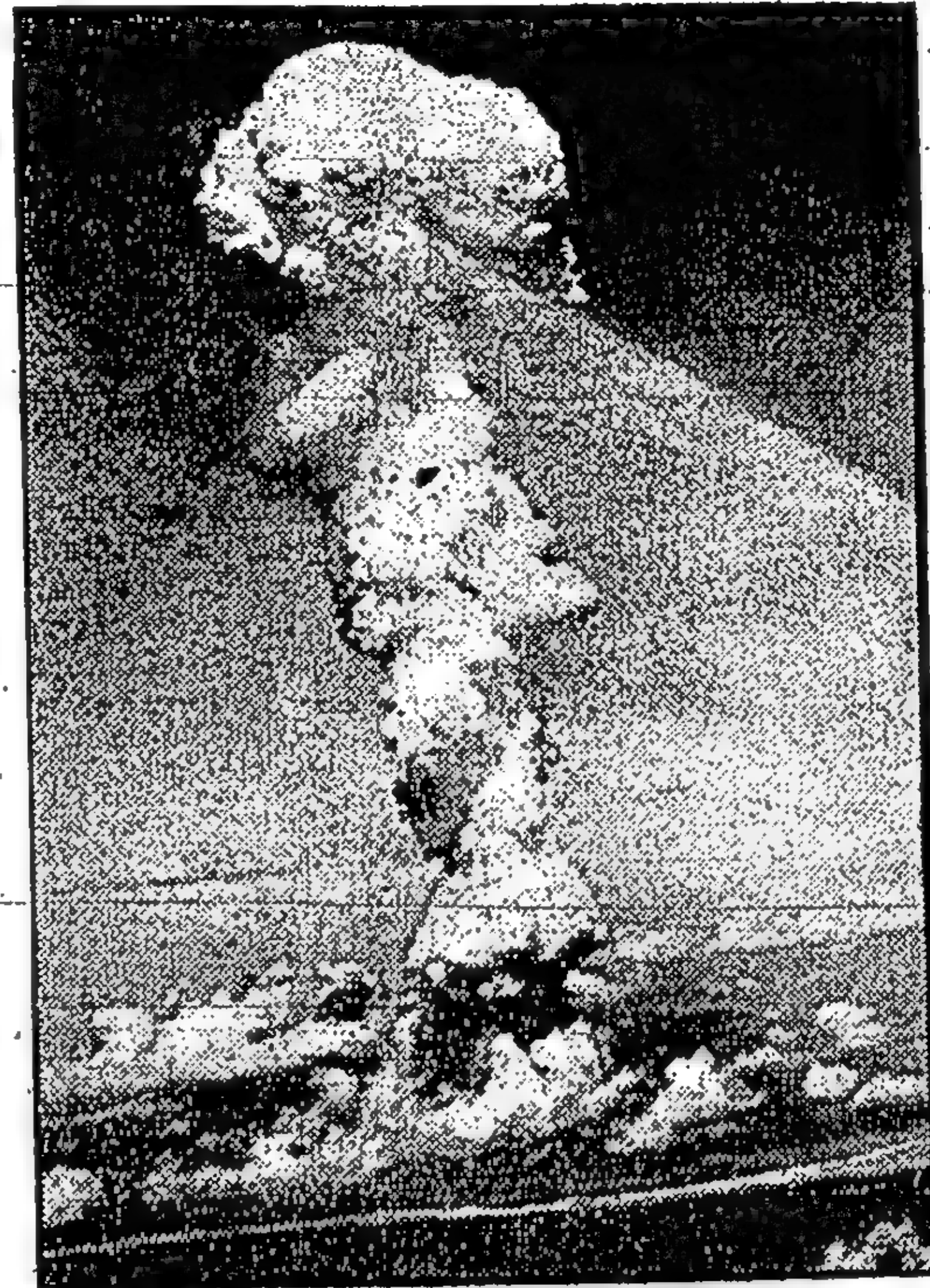
He began with the platitudes that "the advent of nuclear power must have a profound effect on the future of our Fleets," but within a minute or two he had the experts flinching in their seats, waiting for every word.

He went on (and, of course, I summarise): An air-burst (as distinct from submarine-burst) atomic bomb produces (1) Light (2) Heat (3) Blast (4) and (5) Gamma rays and neutrons with consequent radio-activity.

The result? ... The immense light radiation causes temporary or permanent blindness to exposed personnel on the attacked warships. Within a mile of the burst the result would probably be permanent blindness.

The effect of heat on the crew can well be imagined. It would ignite paints, cordage and all inflammables.

Blast of such magnitude (equal at Nagasaki to the detonation of 20,000 tons of T.N.T.) will cause death and injury as



After the atom bomb was dropped in the Bikini Atoll tests.

well as serious damage to the ship's structure and equipment.

Radio-activity: The initial radiation as the bomb detonates, plus the induced, radio-activity will immobilise the ship and destroy its fighting potential till decontamination has been effected.

Here are Mr. Daniel's own conclusions on the principles that must govern the future design of Britain's warships. They must be of clean design with all superstructure well rounded.

All manned positions must be

enclosed and superstructure reduced to the minimum.

All guns enclosed must be fired by remote control.

Radar and radio aerials must be devised to withstand fire and blast.

Funnels, if fitted, must be able to withstand blast and fitted with baffles to prevent penetration of blast to the boilers.

Ventilators must be baffled.

It is evident that the battle-ships of the future will be as streamlined as the water-line as below.

"Clearly," says Mr. Daniel, "you cannot have every man

above the weather deck wearing black glasses all day and night in case the enemy should deliver a bomb without radar warning.

And here is his challenging answer to the problem of keeping the crew below decks possibly for days on end.

"Navigation and station-keeping radar aids must be developed so that the entire defensive and offensive actions can be operated by radar."

All gunnery, he says, must be fully automatic, aimed and fired below deck.

He certainly staggered the laymen—as opposed to the naval members of his audience—for at the back of all their minds was the problem of protection of merchantmen in convoy against the periods of radio-activity.

They reacted smartly when, he said: "A further problem... is the penetration into the living and working spaces of the ship of (radio-active) products drawn in by ventilation fans still running after the detonation."

"Even if the fans are stopped, unless there is a valve at the weather deck, radio-active dust will lie in the trunks, being drawn into the ship and distributed over the crew when the fans are restarted."

He added, "Clearly for protection against an air-burst bomb it is necessary to provide something more substantial than a piece of 6-pound plating."

As a further problem... young man, it was evident that, though he vastly interested every member of his audience, he had by no means persuaded all of them.

There were murmurs about the degree of accuracy obtainable at sea on a moving target; about passive defence, that would anticipate known hazards; about the terrific cost of even a single atom-bomb attack.

Among the designers of merchant ships I thought I detected the most evident sigh of relief when Mr. Daniel dealt with the future in regard to the propulsion of ships by nuclear energy.

He prefaced this section of his paper with this significant observation: "In the foreseeable future we shall undoubtedly have nuclear power plants of greater efficiency than present propulsive systems, but... there will have to be radical changes in the methods of winning that power... if this system is to become of economic or strategic importance."

What Price World War Three

by the Rt. Hon

Arthur Greenwood

whose eve-of-the-war speech in September 1939 calling Britain to arms was memorable in the history of Parliament.

The world is getting itself into a highly explosive state. Blank cartridges are being fired all over the place.

This single has followed upon a lot of violent words being exchanged here, there, and everywhere.

Lately even the South American republics have spectacularly joined in the general hubbub, and the august atmosphere of a Pan-American Congress has been outrageously disturbed by a Colombian revolution detonated under its nose.

More recently incidents in Berlin, Vienna, and Milan have added (or threaten) new complications.

The Czechoslovakian coup made the world vividly aware of the grim struggle which is being fought out between two conflicting ways of life.

Everywhere men have begun once more to ask: "Will there be war?"

Well, will there? By foolish, boasts and bluff, or by a short-sighted fatalism, it is conceivable that a situation might be created under which the guns would go off with live ammunition. I do not myself think that this will happen.

Let us ask ourselves: Who wants war? Does anybody want war?

We Don't Want It

Take Britain. Does any sane person pretend that we, the Dominions (who have freedom of choice in this matter), or the Colonies, whom we are now helping along the road to freedom and prosperity, want war?

It is true that we were the last and the most successful of the Imperialist adventurers.

There are some shabby incidents in our story, splendid in many ways. We have done our best in our own day to redeem such faults.

The grant of Dominion status to South Africa by the Campbell-Bannerman Government, the enactment of the Statute of Westminster, and the constitutional developments in India, Burma, and Ceylon since the end of the second world war have proved beyond any doubt the sincerity of our democratic principles and our desire for free co-operation.

Already on the record is the proof that we care deeply for the advancement of the coloured peoples and the prosperity and peace of the world.

It is true that in 1914—and again in 1939—we declared war; but who today, remembering what was involved, believes that they could have avoided our responsibilities?

We took our courage in our hands, and I do not doubt would do the same again. If the democratic shape of things to come was finally threatened.

But we do not WANT war. We want to be allowed to pursue the constructive tasks which face us and our neighbours.

Nor Does The U.S.

Does the United States want war? Though doubtfully, determined, and efficient fighters, the Americans are not aggressive in the military sense.

Their mood of excessive nationalism is passing. The once self-sufficient Monroe Doctrine and Pan-Americanism no longer fill the bill.

The second world war has convinced a large number of the most thoughtful U.S. citizens that they are part of a very small planet from which they cannot escape. Their actions since the end of hostilities prove that they are recognising their world responsibilities.

This new attitude will help to support the peace of the world against disturbances which are foreign to the make-up of the American people. The U.S., therefore, is not likely to appear in the role of the unprovoked war-maker.

... Nor Does Russia

The only other conceivable warmonger today is the U.S.S.R., which certainly grows and makes other menacing noises and even actions.

A whole series of provocative moves in Eastern Europe has made the West aware of Russia's policy of conquest on the cheap. But it does not believe that the vast majority of the Russian people are bellicose.

I am certain that they are both ignorant of the West and suspicious of it, that they suffer from a fear complex and an inferiority complex.

Could the Russians wage a third world war?

The U.S.S.R. suffered the most gigantic losses of life and property during the last struggle. Her many "Five Year Plans" were swallowed in her immense war effort and sacrifices. Today, three years later, she lies bleeding and impoverished. Her greatest need is recuperation and development.

I hold therefore, that the Russians neither desire to wage war nor are able to do so.

Let us use the gift of time to cool our tempers and recover sanity. For if we fall the consequences will indeed be terrible.

I believe we shall not fall. I believe that Britain's own strong will to live and prosper will yet lead the world from morbid fear to radiant hope.

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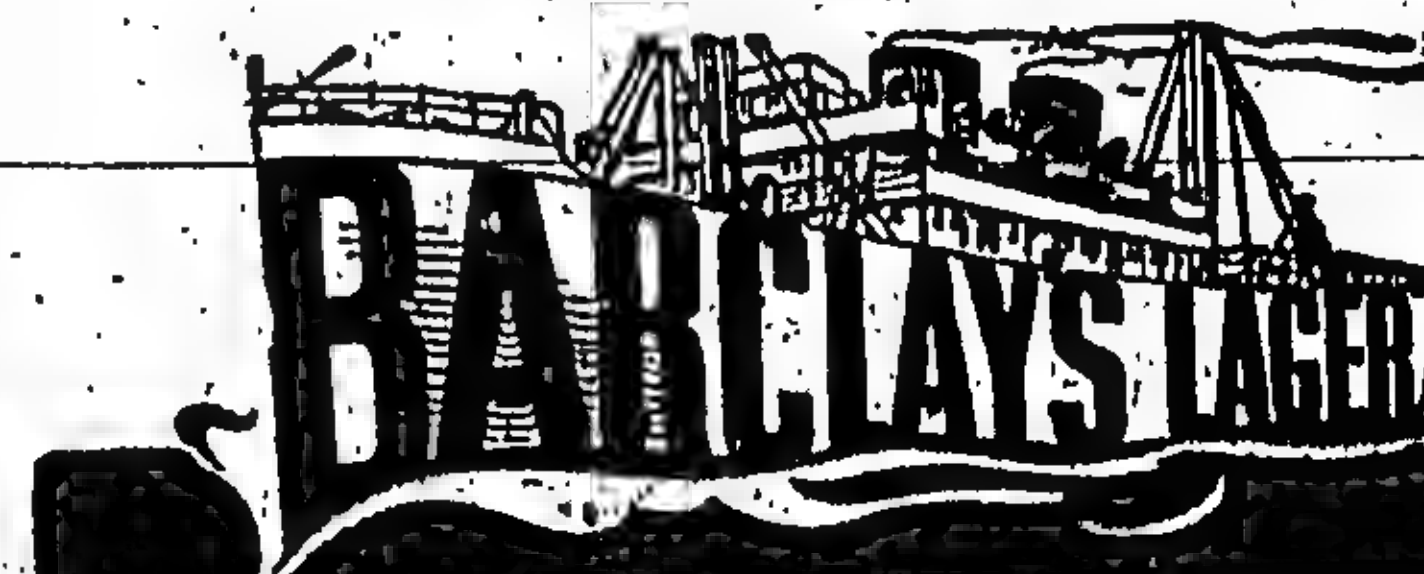
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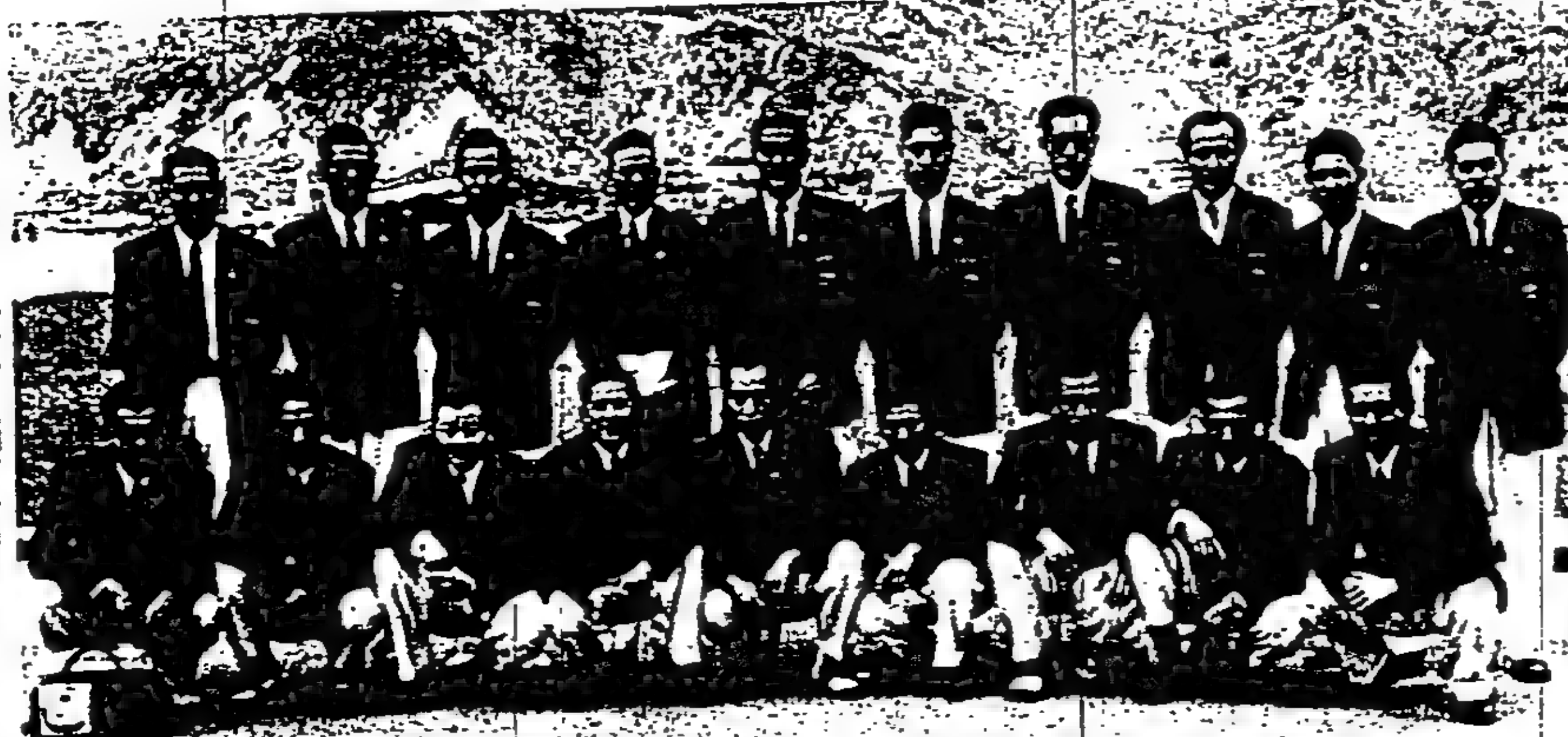
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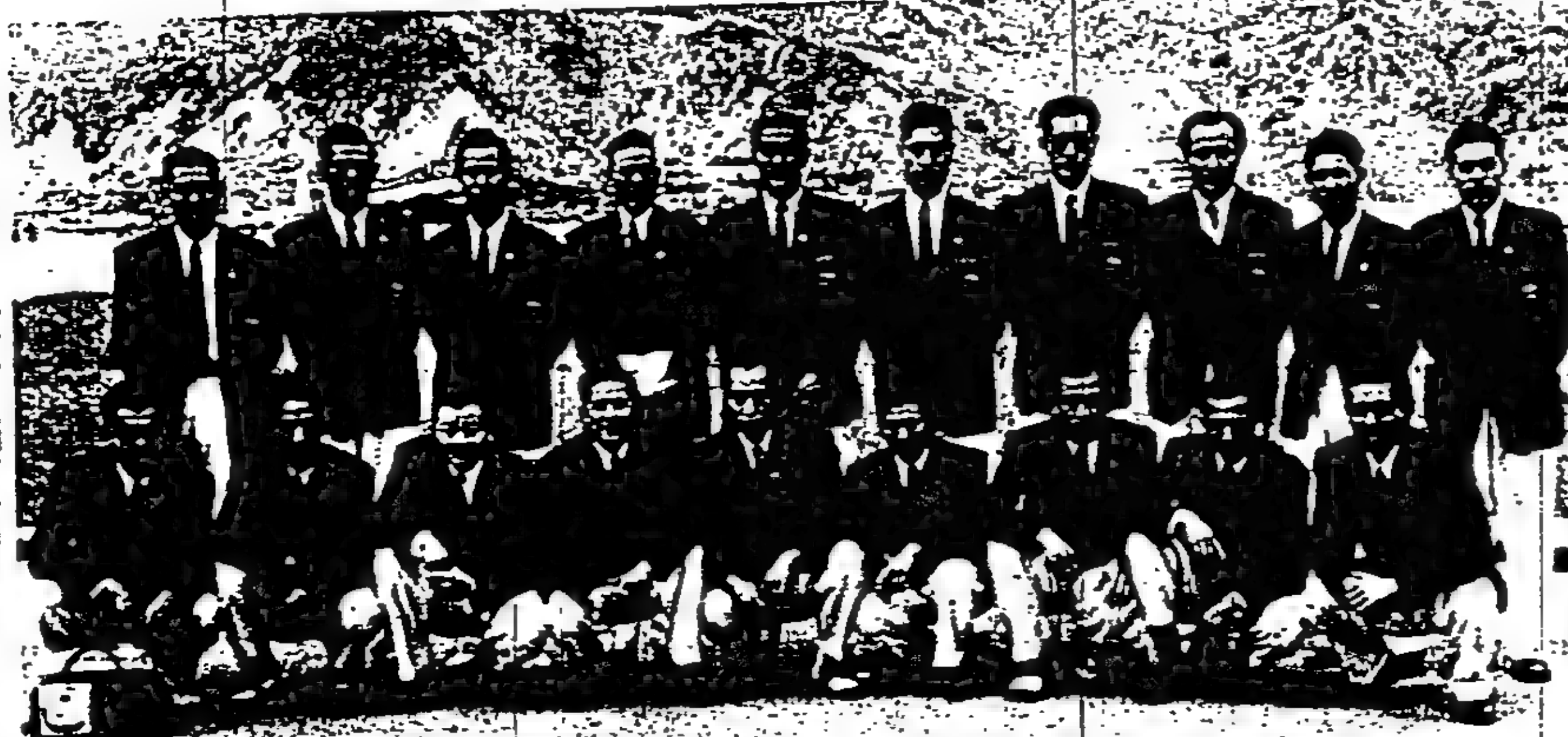


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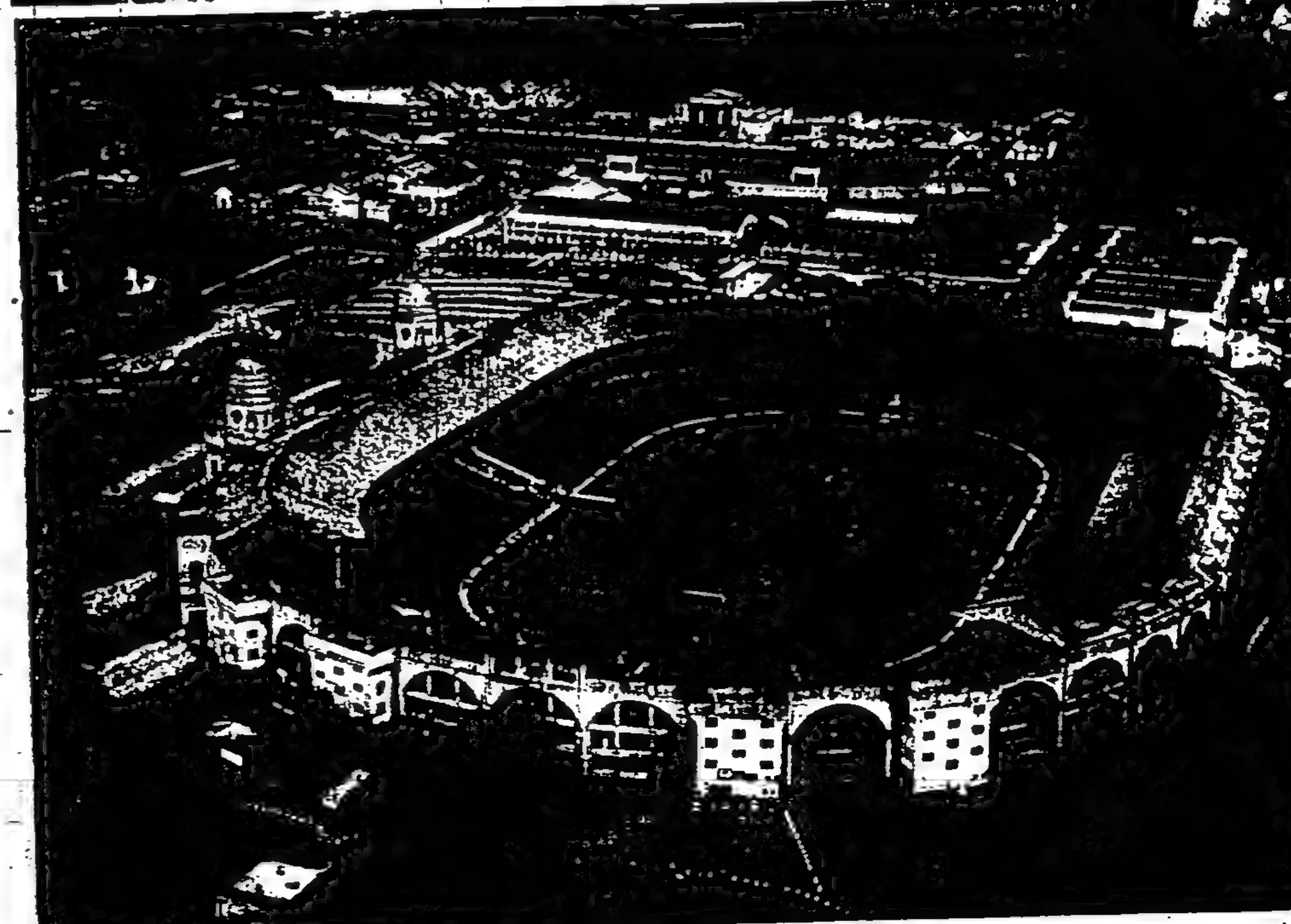
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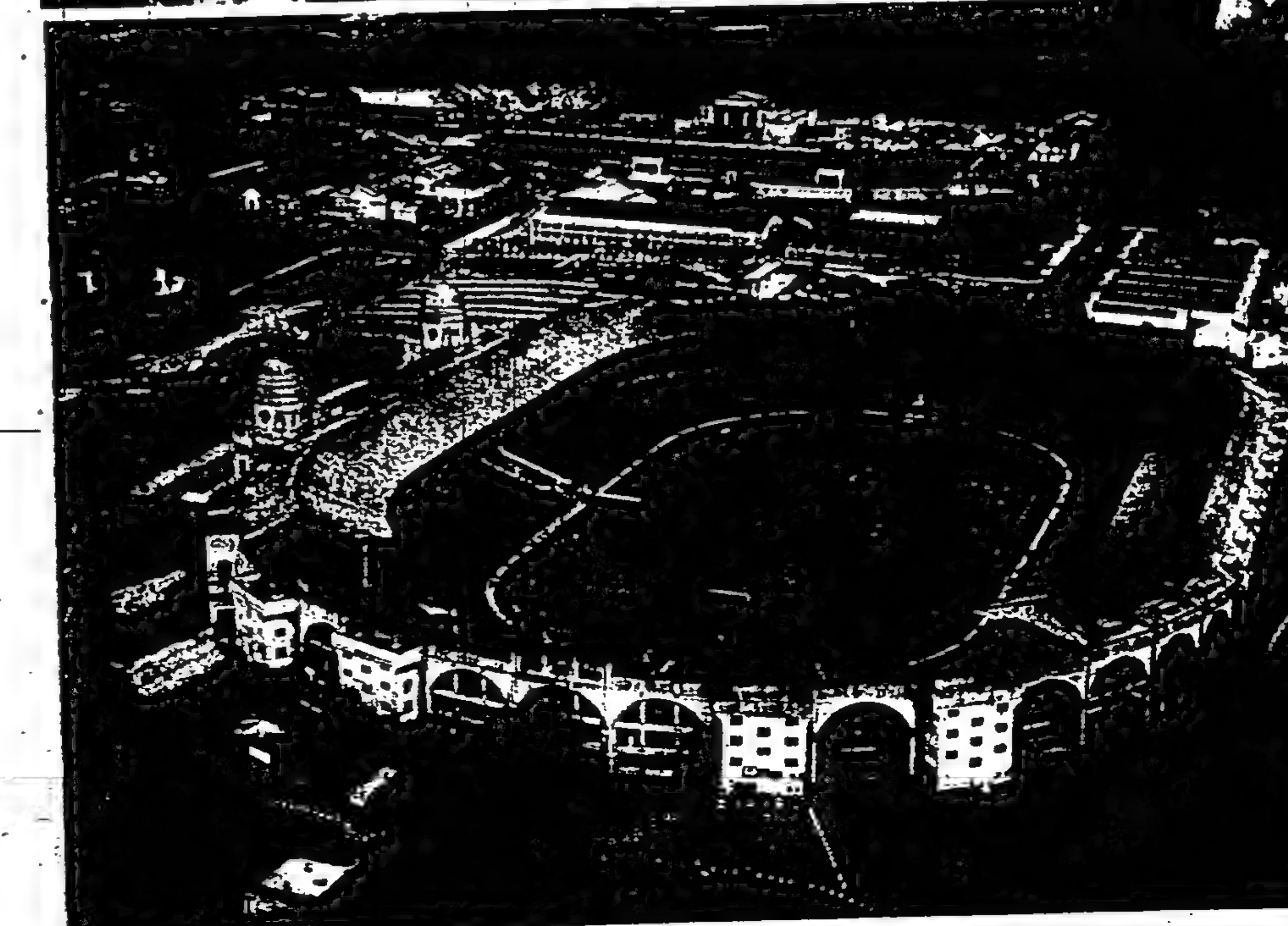
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THE PROMS

Richard Wagner—whose "Siegfried Idyll" is to be heard in tonight's Proms.—was an "enfant terrible" in his day. Even today his music, particularly in the matter of heavy orchestration and tone colour, sounds more of the 29th than the 19th century. Wagner was directly in the great line of composers following on Beethoven, Liszt, Berlioz, most of whose works came to be accepted as recognised masterpieces during their lifetime. Wagner was was probably not appreciated as he should have been whilst he was alive, and the old cliché of a "prophet being without honour in his own country" partly applied to him, I think. "Carmen" of course suffered the same ignominy and it was some years before Bizet received the acclamation that was justly his due.

Wagner's operas fall into two main classes, or three, if one regards the "Ring" as a separate phase entirely. He came at first under the Italian influence, during which time the mighty "Rienzi" was composed. This opera is replete with "Italianate" flowing melodies, and the orchestration was lighter and less sonorous than in the "Flying Dutchman" or "Tannhauser".

Wagner is far from being "everyone's cup of tea" and three or four hours of listening to "Gotterdammerung" may be rather heavy going for some. "Rienzi" however, is more in the Verdi tradition of opera, with the accent on melody. "Melody" is a much-maligned word, but using it in its correct context, it describes exactly the period in Wagner's life-time during which "Rienzi" was composed.

The second phase of Wagner's output gave "Lohengrin" "Tannhauser" and "The Flying Dutchman." It must not be inferred that these works are devoid of melody. Very much the reverse is, indeed, the case. One only has to recall Senta's Ballad from "The Flying Dutchman," Elizabeth's Prayer from "Tannhauser" and the dramatic "Narration" from "Lohengrin".

As regards "Senta's Ballad," there is a very fine recording of this in the H.M.V. list by Elizabeth Reiberg, which, in my opinion, has not yet been equalled. Kirsten Flagstad, the Norwegian soprano, is, I believe, the finest interpreter of the role of Senta today. Unhappily, her appearances in England are few and her recordings are not very numerous. On her, however, has fallen the mantle of Reiberg and Lotte Lehmann and she is indeed worthy to carry on the tradition engendered by these Prima Donnas.

But I have digressed from my main topic. Wagner was the first of the great composers fully to explore and develop the "leit-motiv". The "leit-motiv" is the guiding theme always associated with particular characters or ideas. The "Siegfried Idyll" is such a theme.

RACHMANINOFF

For No. 2. Itchen, on the Sunday Proms, we are promised Rachmaninoff's No. 2 Symphony. Sergei Rachmaninoff is unhappily famous for his prelude in C Sharp Minor, which is played by every infant prodigy so soon as his or her stubby fingers can depress the piano keys (and the listener). The No. 2 is probably the most popular of all Rachmaninoff's works. Rachmaninoff has, I believe, made a very fine recording of this for H.M.V. I write this, however, without reference so my memory may mis-serve me in this particular instance.

It is a pity that Rachmaninoff's orchestral works seem to have taken such complete precedence over his music for the voice, for he has written some lovely songs. "To the Children" "The Rose Enslaves the Nightingale" are but two that spring to my mind, and very lovely they are too! ZBW, please note.

HOLST

The third and last item of the Prom is to be Gustav Holst's "Jupiter" from his suite "The Planets." Holst's death in 1934 left England the poorer in realms of music. Like Elgar & Vaughan Williams, he did much to make the rest of the world respect his capabilities and confound those whose belief it was that English music could not compare with the mighty composers of the nineteenth century.

Holst was a native of the Midlands, and although "The Planets" by which suite he is best known—is not so essentially "of England-England" indeed nevertheless there is a quality about parts of it redolent of the English countryside beloved so well. Vaughan

Contributed By "MUSSETTA"

Williams lives today to carry on the torch lighted by Holst, Elgar, & Delius, and he—even more than his illustrious predecessors, steeped his works in the folk-lore traditions with which England is so richly endowed.

In all, this "Prom" looks to be most promising and "more power" to the elbows of those responsible. There is little enough opportunity of hearing much music in the Colony, so it is to be hoped these Proms will continue on Sunday nights for many weeks to come.

ENTERPRISE INDEED

I saw a reference in the Press recently to an enterprising venture which the Singapore Municipal Council is undertaking shortly. Under the Council's auspices, a series of films of operas are being produced. The first, I believe, is to be "Il Pagliacci", with Gigli in the role of Canio. The films, I understand, are sung in Italian (as they should be) with English subtitles, and others are promised if the first venture is a success.

It seems that Singapore has "stolen a march" on the Colony in this respect. Would not such an experiment as this be worth a trial in Hong Kong? Lingual difficulties is no answer, since the appeal of music finely sung is universal. I do commend this to the notice of the cinemas and hope that one at least will risk the test of the attractions of Gigli against Grable!

FILM MUSIC

A point which often concerns the cinema-goer—especially one who shows an interest in the musical aspect—is the annoying little worry of hearing some well-known music whose title eludes him for the moment. This way sound a little inconsistent, since if a piece of music is well-known, then by the laws of logic its title should be equally familiar. Normally of course that is so, but unhappily the fallibility of mortals is such as to upset the laws of logic, or rather their "modus operandi". The title and the composer eludes him.

Since so much space is given to the preamble of a film in the "credit" section, it seems that it is not too much to ask for the music to be identified, especially where it is used as a theme, or where the music is the main point of local interest. In the "Seventh Veil" (surely one of the most intelligent films seen for a long while) Eileen Joyce plays the piano (for and on behalf of) Ann Todd, who appears as a Concert Pianist. The famous Greig Concerto in A Minor is featured as is Rachmaninoff's No. 2, but I cannot recall any mention of this in the "credits" of the film.

With the Cinema exercising such an influence as it does today (and is it always for good?)—here surely is an opportunity for musical education and appreciation "par excellence". One can take this aspect a stage further. If one were to say to that elusive individual "The Man in the Street", "Would you care to listen to some of Schubert's Chamber Music?", the answer would probably be "No thanks! I don't care for it". But if you asked him to listen to "Lilac Time", a very different reaction is to be expected. One of the most attractive tunes (and tune is the right word) is the Second Schubert's "Trout" Quintet, which is probably one of the most beautiful pieces of Chamber Music ever written.

This aspect is one which film Companies should regard seriously. Enough publicity is given to the men who write the jingling dance tunes, but Debussy is not worth mentioning when his "Clair de Lune" is used as the theme in "Frenchman's Creek"? Those who wield influence have a duty to see that influence is rightly exercised, here surely is a neglected sphere which can with a minimum of trouble be made a "power for good".

Y.M.C.A. CONCERT

The Y.M.C.A. Music Group will be giving a Mozart-Schubert concert next Friday at 8.15 p.m. The programme is to be:

Overture: Il Seraglio, Mozart.
Concerto for Piano in F. Major, Mozart.
Ballet Music No. 1 in G. Major (Rosamunde) Op.26, Schubert.
Concerto for Violin in A. Major, Mozart.
Symphony No. 5 in B. Flat, Major, Schubert.

A NEW PROGRAMME

"As these notes are written, Z.B.W. draws my attention to a new programme, which is commencing on Tuesday next at 10.15 p.m. From that time until the close-down at 11.00 p.m., there is a new series commencing of Summer Orchestral Concerts, which will continue for some weeks.

The first composer to be featured is Bach, followed in subsequent weeks by Beethoven, Mozart and Haydn. At this time of the evening, the heat of the day should be diminishing a little, and what better "sedative" can be asked than 45 minutes listening to some of the greatest composers of all time?

Let us hope that Handel and Schubert particularly will not be forgotten in this series; of all musicians, surely there have been none to equal these two in the composition of music for "quiet moods".

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. The Mikado.
2. The Early Egyptians.
3. The five Great Lakes, lying on the U.S.-Canadian border.
4. The League of Nations.
5. The Romanovs.
6. Madame Pierre Curie and her daughter, Irene Curie Joliot.

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Health Page

My Baby Was Born Under Hypnosis

By Mrs. Alvira Dickson

I gave birth to my baby boy while under hypnosis. It was the most amazing and wonderful experience in my whole life. I felt absolutely no pain at any time and have no recollection of the actual delivery, though my doctor tells me I cooperated beautifully. No drugs or anesthetics were used. It was a safe and natural childbirth, without the usual agony and fear.

Hypnosis really works wonders in the delivery room and it certainly deserves more prestige than being referred to as hocus-pocus.

I grant you I was skeptical about this method at first. I doubt if I would have agreed to try it unless I had absolute faith in my doctor. I suppose the deciding argument was that I could always rely on a spinal injection if I felt I didn't want to go through with hypnosis.

One thing most people ask me is "Does the doctor look you straight in the eye, mumble some jumbo and wave his hands at you?"

Such goings-on are mere theatrics for the benefit of theatre audiences.

In the advance training to increase my response to hypnotic suggestion, my doctor stood behind me. He might put his hand on my shoulder and tell

me to think of sleep. We had agreed on a key number, in this case 7020, which was the doctor's phone number. However, anything can be used and some doctors merely snap their fingers. At mention of that key number I would go into a deep sleep.

This is where trust in your doctor comes in. It helps to be assured that he cannot make you reveal secrets or do anything that would go against your moral and religious beliefs.

While I was asleep, the doctor told me afterwards, he would reassure me, suggest to my unconscious mind that I would have no pain, had nothing to fear, that the whole experience would not be disagreeable. Upon awakening I'd feel very happy and refreshed. I'd feel like laughing!

I'm sure under ordinary circumstances I would have been a mass of jitters. To have my first child when I was already 27 years old worried me. I'm not husky, I've never weighed more than 109 pounds, so I wouldn't have had too much reserve energy to fall back on. But under the doctor's care, these fears were quieted.

No pain or discomfort accompanied the Big Day.

Turkey Dinner

I was admitted to the hospital about noon on Christmas Day. After checking in with the doctor I felt so well I decided to have a turkey dinner. I had double portions of everything and sat listening to the radio. That was around 2:30 that afternoon and my rhythmic reactions were coming every three minutes, but they were not severe and I felt fine.

I saw some of the other mothers-to-be and realized how much they were suffering. I felt an overwhelming pity for them. I went up to one woman and asked if there wasn't something—anything—I could do to help her. She just smiled ruefully and said, "Wait till you get to this point." Of course, I never did.

At four o'clock the nurses asked me if I wanted to see my husband. He was in a terrible state, nervous and jittery, while I was completely calm. It occurred to us later that suggestive therapy might be good for fathers-to-be, too.

We sat and talked a while, and then I began to feel I wanted to do something. I didn't know exactly what I wanted to do, but I no longer wanted to sit. I wanted to help, but I didn't know what or whom. Finally I got up and told my husband, "You know, I think I'm going to leave you now to have our baby."

I walked into the delivery room. It was about 5:30 then. The doctor agreed it was about to happen. I got up on the delivery table and he put me into a hypnotic sleep. When I woke up I asked the doctor when the baby was due.

That Was Are

"He's already arrived," answered the doctor. That was all there was to it. Bruce was born at 6:28 P.M. Christmas Day, a healthy 7 pound 12 ounce baby, 20 inches long.

The after-effects? Well, there weren't any. The whole experience left me rested. I felt more as though I'd been on a vacation than just become a mother. As a matter of fact I wanted to get right up from the delivery table. I actually was allowed to get out of bed the next morning.

There was no need for any post-natal surgery. That had been circumvented by my suggestive therapy sessions with the doctor. As he explained to me, the hypnotic treatment had removed all fear so that I could be relaxed.

Ordinarily muscles tense with fear. But I was not fighting. Therefore, my

PEPTIC ULCER INCURABLE

By JOHN F. ALLEN

Since recurrences appear in more than 90 per cent of cases, peptic ulcer now should be considered an incurable disease, Dr. Theodore L. Althausen, University of California professor, reports.

He described this new outlook on an old and growing disease before the second general session of the American College of Physicians.

Doctor Althausen admitted that present methods of ulcer treatment bring "excellent immediate results" and heal the lesion in all but a relatively small percentage of cases.

However, he added, the chief unsolved problem is the prevention of recurrence.

Ulcers Recur—

He quoted figures showing that between 10 and 35 per cent of patients have a recurrence during the first six months after a medical "cure," while up to 93 per cent have one or more recurrences within a five year period.

For the recurrences Doctor Althausen blamed five major "inciting causes": Physical or mental fatigue; emotional disturbances; dietary indiscretions; infections, particularly of the upper respiratory tract; and inadequate original medical treatment.

In one particular group—those persons who have a low sensitivity to pain—prevention of ulcer recurrence is particularly difficult, the doctor said. The ulcer, he explained, may reach an advanced stage before any warning signs are apparent.

Prevention—

He listed a number of preventive steps for doctors and for those who once have suffered from ulcer and face a return to pain and constant distress:

1—The physician should tell his patient that the cause of ulcer is virtually unknown, that a lack of distress is no indication of a permanent cure, and that frequent re-examinations are essential.

2—Patients who have occupational problems should relax, and perhaps even change to another career in extreme cases.

3—Emotional problems should be ironed out as far as possible between the patient and his doctor and maybe even a psychiatrist.

4—Moderation in eating—particularly of meat—is absolutely essential.

5—Stimulants like coffee, alcohol and tobacco should be left strictly alone.

6—All available precautions should be exercised against the catching of colds, flu or other nose and throat diseases.

7—The patient should seek immediate medical attention at the first sign of returning stomach distress.

experience did not exhaust me. It was natural and easy.

He told me, too, that I had cooperated fully during the delivery. When he told me to help I helped; when he told me to stop I stopped. If you're drugged you don't help your baby. Under hypnosis the baby, too, has an easier time.

I'm told that not all women can be helped by hypnosis. I happened to respond very deeply. Some other person might not respond to this method at all. However, the doctor would know this immediately. During your monthly check-ups the doctor has a chance to test the depth of your sleep. He makes very sure before he gets you into the delivery room.

As for me, there just isn't any other way I would have a baby, and I'm looking forward to the next one. I only wish all women could have the same painless, fearless experience I had.

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MURDER IN THE BLUE ROOM

THE STORY THUS FAR: A feud for the affections of Jerry Gorton, night club proprietor, has just reached a fatal climax with the mysterious shooting of Ellen Cray as she was about to enter the Sun Club's blue room where rival Mary Reynolds was Jerry's guest. Ellen was shot twice as the radio blared and the lights were cut. An undischarged small revolver lay near her outstretched right hand. Don Free, agency detective, and his partner, Harry Sayne, were on the premises to protect Mary Reynolds. Another dick, Haig McHaig, is also active as questioning starts on the scene of the crime. GO ON WITH THE STORY:

CHAPTER V

Jerry Gorton lit a cigarette, his fingers steady. "None of us knew Ellen had a gun. And it was dark in here."

McHaig observed: "It was pretty smart shootin'. If you ask me. And what gets me is why—" He broke off. The broad-shouldered Sam who had been with Ellen Cray when she had slugged Free spoke thoughtfully: "She had had it in for this one." He jerked his head towards Mary Reynolds. "And this one—" he gestured towards Free—"made her sore when he tipped her that he was wise to it. She had a few drinks, got the gun. I came along, trying to stop her."

"But she was too strong for you," Free said with sarcasm. "And if someone hadn't been a swell shot in the dark—Miss Reynolds would have been on the floor."

The broad-shouldered one frowned at Free. Mary closed her eyes as Gorton snapped, "Ellen must have been crazy. She was trying for Miss Reynolds, but she was murdered—"

He broke off, looked at Free. His eyes went away from Don's and to Mary's. "You called Free in?" he asked. "You didn't say anything to me about it."

I Was Afraid

"I called him in," she said. "I was afraid."

Free observed: "Well, it's all right now. You've got Gorton now, the other one's out of it."

Gorton's right hand clenched as he rasped, "I don't like the way you say that. I had to make a choice and I made it. But someone murdered Ellen. I want to know who did it."

Free looked at Mary, declaring: "My job was to see that you didn't get hurt. Ellen Cray was trying to hurt you. She failed. I suppose that lets me out now. Let the police take over."

McHaig remarked, "My back was to the gun flash. The radio was making a terrific racket. Free was behind me somewhere."

"Free will stay in here," Gorton growled. "Menzies!"

A short, dapper man stood at the end of the corridor. His face was pale blue, his lips twisted.

"Call Lieutenant Risdon and tell him to hurry over here with a couple of the boys. Queer like. Keep the others out of here, and don't let anyone in or out of the Club until he gets here. Well—" his eyes went around the blue room—"stay right in here until Ben arrives."

BY
RAOUL WHITFIELD

Menzies said: "Okey." He went out along the corridor.

Gorton offered: "I don't carry a gun. You can't shoot a person if you haven't got one."

Free said softly: "I carry a gun. Its fully loaded."

The Light Switch

Gorton then said very slowly, "I want to know about the light switch."

But that inquiry was postponed for the time when Sayne volunteered: "I tried to stop Miss Cray in the corridor. I didn't see the gun, but I'd heard this fellow talking, trying to stop her." He gestured towards the big, broad-shouldered Sam.

Free looked at the man. "What's your full name?" he asked. "She called you Sam before she slammed me down."

The big man looked towards the modernistic copper walls that were reflecting blue light. He said huskily: "My name's Sam Blue."

Gorton whispered grimly, "Blue murder."

The big man's eyes were half closed, fixed on Gorton. "I tried to stop her," he breathed.

Gorton said: "Sure," in a low tone. "You didn't stop her, but someone else did," Don snapped. Miss Cray was coming for Miss Reynolds, and she was stopped."

The dance orchestra started playing again as Gorton spoke just above a whisper: "Maybe."

Lieut. Ben Risdon was a short, red-haired man with a close-clipped mustache. He had blue eyes and big hands, his wrists were thick. Two uniformed officers were inside the blue room.

Risdon said in a cheerful voice: "I get it like this. Miss Cray was strong for you, Jerry. You liked her, but not enough to quit liking Miss Reynolds. The latter was threatened. You knew the Cray girl hated her but you didn't think she'd try to kill. You thought the threats were bluff. But you got McHaig to stick around, anyway. And Miss Reynolds got Don Free to stick around. Free looked the Cray girl up, told her she'd been mixed up in a few things and warned her. He got a slam on the head. And Sam Blue, here—"

The police lieutenant, looked narrowly at him.

That's It

"You were just a friend. Sympathetic because the Cray girl was losing her man. You came up here with her, but you tried to stop her from using the gun. That it?"

Blue said thickly: "That's it." Risdon nodded. "Sayne here was working with you, Free. Miss Cray got past him in the corridor there. The lights went out and the radio back of the bar opened up full blast. There were two shots. The room was black, yet none of you seem to be able to locate the flashes. The sound of the gun was only partially drowned by the radio racket."

"Miss Cray apparently had her back to the corridor, which means she was shot from the room. Sayne and Blue

were in the corridor, behind the girl as she came in. They didn't see gun flashes. Gorton, Miss Reynolds, Free, McHaig and the bartender—you were in the room. The Cray girl was between you five and the other two, when she went down. No exit from the room but by the corridor. No windows. Nothing but the walls. Right?"

Gorton admitted, "It looks that way."

Free said: "One thing. Risdon. The girl might have reached the room, turned, facing the corridor. She might have known the light switch was out there. She might have been shot from the corridor."

The Bartender

The bartender cleared his throat. "I got to tell you," he said. "I got a switch on the lights, back of the bar. When I heard what was being said, knew that Miss Cray was coming in, I reached for the switch. Mr. Gorton had told me that McHaig was coming, and he'd hinted why. It's got around some, anyway. My hand hit the radio switch, opened it up. It heats up quick and it was set wrong. My hand went on up and I got the lights out. Then the radio racketed. And I ducked back of the bar."

Free asked, "Why didn't you say that before?"

"I figured this would be a better time," the bartender replied.

"The switch in the corridor was thrown over," Free observed. "Someone called that it had been, anyway."

Blue spoke huskily. "I did that. I was trying to get the lights on. When they didn't come on I thought something was wrong. I left the switch where I pulled it."

"How'd you know where the switch was—to find it in the dark?" Free asked.

"I worked here for a few months, just seeing that things went easy-like."

Lieut. Risdon looked at Gorton who said: "I guess he did. Menzies handles such details."

Free scrutinized Blue. "If you knew that switch—you'd have known it was on when your fingers touched it. Even if the lights were out. You'd have known you were throwing it off, not on."

"I didn't think of that," grunted Blue. "And it might have been changed."

She Passed Me

Sayne said: "Blue was behind the girl. She passed me, and he was behind me. The shots—sounded as though they came from the room. I thought they were from Miss Cray's gun."

Risdon looked at the bartender, asking, "What your name?"

"Dick Evans. As I said, I figured someone was coming in with a gun, and I wanted to get the room dark. The radio racket was an accident."

"Try it now," Risdon ordered. "Hit the radio switch, then the light switch."

Evans raised a hand and hit the radio switch. His fingers went on up and the lights went out. The radio came in with a roar. Music blurred and boomed into one screaming note and Lieut. Risdon shouted: "Cut it!"

The radio was silent as Risdon said: "Leave the lights off." Then he spoke thoughtfully. "The switch controls the corridor lights, too, and that makes it black. All right, switch 'em on."

As that was done, Risdon said: "I've looked at the guns. McHaig's and Free's and Sayne's are loaded all the way. So is the Cray girl's. Gorton and Evans and Blue didn't have a gun. Loaded guns and no guns—"

He broke off as one of the two uniformed officers reported: "We've been over the room twice, Lieutenant. Not a weapon around. And there are no powder burns on the victim's clothes. She got it from a distance—a short distance, anyway."

Risdon looked intently at Mary Reynolds. "You haven't been searched," he said. "Did you kill her?"

(Don Free pins the murder on the right party in next week's final chapter of MURDER IN THE BLUE ROOM.)

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TWO-PART COMPETITION UNDER TEN SECTION

Finish this poem, using the same meter and rhyming sequence. You can make it any length you like, but please do not make it too long! Send your entries in to Auntie Vee before May 13, and be sure to attach your name and address, printed clearly in the space below.

Mother Bunny was very glad
When Benny came to stay;
"He'll keep the children quiet," she
said,
"And play with them all day."
She didn't know that Benny was
Renowned for playing tricks;
One day he took the children out
And brought them back at six.
Mother Bunny scolded hard,
"Benjamin Bunny," she said,
"You know you should never have
kept them out—
They should be asleep in bed."

Two First Prizes of \$10 each
will be given, plus six Consola-
tion Prizes for each Section.
(Auntie Vee's decision will be
final.)

UNDER SIXTEEN SECTION:

This part of the competition is for
boys and girls over 10 but under 16.
Finish this poem, using the same
meter and rhyming sequence.

Send in your name, address and
age printed on the slip below, be-
fore Thursday, May 13.
Black Benjy was a pirate, and as
bad as he could be,
He roamed the sea from the north
or Spain
And up to England, then back again,
Sinking and plundering all those
who dared
To rove the open sea.
The treasure-laden Spanish ships
were slow, and so had most to
lose
And Benjy knew it, curse his hide—
That's why he sailed down Spanish
side—
To catch them as they came from
West
With many a wily ruse
His fame was great in all the ports
and ships to fight were slow
Till one day came a Cornish youth
Who said, "I'll scupper him, forsooth,
And send 'The Venture' sinking down
To join the rest below."
"Brave words," sneered all the older
men, who knew what lay ahead,
"But we'll lay you odds you'll never
stand
When Benjy turns and shows his
hand—
Leave it, boy, and go on home
And dream your dreams in bed."
But Lebley was a brave young man,
whose ears heard what he will-
ed:
He fitted out his ship straightway
And one day left the golden bay

Children's Page

Girls of Cliffdale By Marie Marshall

THE WAY OF A TOMBOY PART I

How do you think she'll like Cliff-
dale after living so long on Long
Neck Headland?" asked Margaret
Wilkins.

With her sisters, June and May, she
was waiting impatiently inside the big
gates of Cliffdale School for the new
girl, whom they had met while on an
exciting seaside holiday.

June said nothing, but she rolled
her eyes expressively.

"I think she'll like it all right," said
May. "But will Cliffdale like her
—that's what's
worrying me."

"She won't have
much chance of
being a tomboy
here," grinned
Margaret. She
looked impatient-
ly through the
bars of the gates.
"Do you remem-
ber how she used
to climb all over the headland? And
what a time she gave us going through
that underground passage to the old
fort! I'll never forget it!"

"She'll miss tearing round the har-
bour in her boat," mused May. "Just
what is there for anyone to do here?
I ask you! I was only thinking the
other day that if Cliffdale were per-
ched on the top of Long Neck Head-
land, and if we had a special wharf
and each of us had a boat—"

"Stop!" pleaded June. "Such an
idea makes me—oh, there's a car—
and it's Billy!"

The triplets opened the gate and
rushed out to greet a tall girl who
came rushing towards them with a
suitcase in one hand, and her hair
flying in the breeze.

"I suppose I'm expected!" she cried
in a loud voice. "Mummy was com-
ing with me, but I said I wasn't going
to a kindergarten. Besides every-
thing was fixed with this joint weeks
ago. Had a bit of a job getting a
taxi from the station."

The triplets stared. Until now they
felt they had been the most outrage-
ous pupils Cliffdale had ever seen. But
Billy Rawson made them breathless.
She seemed like a whirlwind that was
going to disturb every cranny in the
old school.

The bay where he was born and
bred—
To kill or to be killed.

NAME

ADDRESS

AGE



"The Girls of Cliffdale" is the
story of a tomboy, Billy Lawson,
at a girls' school.

"Why did you come in slacks?" ask-
ed Margaret. She hardly knew her
own voice. It sounded so prim. "I
—I don't think anyone will like it."
"Soon change em," chuckled the
lanky tomboy from Long Neck Head-
land. "As a matter of fact, I was
running late for the train and didn't
have time to change. Show me the
way round, will you? I've been look-
ing forward to seeing you until my
heart ached. It's been lonely at Long
Neck since you were down. Did I
miss you?" She hugged the triplets
in turn with her free arm and tossed
back her head. "Now to prison! Lead
me on to the ogre's office."

In a daze, the triplets walked up
the drive with the new girl. They
knew that they would, from now on
have to take a back seat at Cliffdale.
Here was a new ring-leader of fun—
and probably trouble—if ever there
was one!

Billy Lawson answered to "Isabel"
from the mistress, who insisted
that she forget she had ever been
nicknamed Billy; but Billy she was
called by the girls.

It seemed to take her but a few
minutes to learn all there was to be
learned about Cliffdale, and after the
third day she said she felt as if the
"old barn" was as good as her home
on Long Neck Headland. Then, as
the days went on, she told the triplets
that she feared she was becoming an
"utter worm."

"A worm?" asked June, mystified.
Billy's conduct had conformed to all
the rules, but she was still the inde-
pendent tomboy.

"I mean a bookworm," Billy correct-
ed herself. "Do you know what I
think we should do to liven this place
up?"

"What?" breathed the triplets, all
in one eager outburst.

(To be continued.)

Do This Puzzle!

This double acrostic names down-
wards an animal covered with sharp-
pointed quills, and one-humped camel
noted for its speed. (The words
across all have a five letters each.)

1. Haughty, arrogant.
2. A mammal of the weasel family
that feeds on fish.
3. An instrument that collects and
reproduces sounds.
4. A spell or enchantment.
5. The brother of one's father or
mother.
6. Covered with stones, cement,
etc., as a street.
7. The land from which snake-
charmers come.
8. Not ever.
9. The opposite of late.

(Solution Below)

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Double Acrostic

Answers to Puzzle

QUOTATION CUTS

Yes, weekly from Southampton,
Great steamers, white and gold,
Go rolling down to Rio
(Roll down—roll down to Rio!)
And I'd like to roll to Rio
Some day before I'm old!

"Just-So Stories"—
Rudyard Kipling.

My Farm

I thought that farming would be fun
But—gosh, from dawn till day is
done,
I plough and plant just like a
slave
"Well! Listen to my young friend
rare
You sure look mad!"
Oh, I'm just fed up with all this
toil,
I plough and plant this dusty
soil
I feed the livestock and patch up
fences
Until I almost lose my senses!
"No wonder you're been acting
strange.
What you need, boy, is a change.
Your fields are ploughed, your seeds
are sown,
They grow all right if left alone!
"Just turn your livestock out to
graze
They'll be O.K. for many days
And take a little trip with me.
Say, down the river... to the sea."
(—David Gomeze (15), of Wing Hing
Street, Hongkong, wins...)

THE DRAGON-KILLER

One day I read a book about
A man who hustled in and out
Killing dragons off in droves
And putting them in kitchen stoves.

That night I dreamed as awake I lay,
That I a dragon had killed that day,
With my trusty sword held at my
side
I plunged it through his scaly hide

A dragon is a hefty beast,
Weighting twenty tons, at least.
I hitched him to my trusty horse
And dragged him to the door by
force.

Our kitchen stove was run on gas,
And the oven far too small, alas!
I could not bake him there, I knew,
And I could not think just what to
do.

What to do was not quite certain,
So I wrapped him in a kitchen
curtain,
And in my dream I cursed the man
Who'd started off this silly plan.

The dragon was happy and so was I
Before I'd said, "To Do or Die!"
"It's too late now," my conscience
said,
"You've banged the dragon on the
head."

Of course I said when I awoke,
"The whole thing's just silly joke,
A kitchen stove is far too small
To cook a dragon there at all."

World Spotlight:

COMIC PUBLISHER

A 10-year-old American schoolboy
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publisher, cartoonist and author of
two monthly comic papers.

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have made enough money to put him-
self through university and art school.

Pat already has 500 people buying
his "Space Comics" and "Trixie Pixie
Comics" regularly. The first is a blood-
and-thunder adventure monthly for
kids of his own age.
(From Barbara Wace, New York.)

Crossword Solution

The three prizes for the neatest,
correct entry for last week's cross-
word competition goes to the follow-
ing:

Mildred Chaun (10), 23 Cumber-
land Road, Kowloon Tong; Reginald
Tsang (7), 2 Lock Road, 3rd Floor,
Kowloon; Noreen Sargent, (10), c/o
Traffic Office, Kowloon.

Would you please come in to the
"Sunday Herald" and collect your
prizes, any day between Monday and
Saturday.

Across.—1. Beard, 4. N.E., 5. Ad., 7.
No, 9. Me, 10. Sap, 11. Of.

Down.—1. Bean, 2. An, 3. Reams, 6.
Deal, 8. Oaf.

AT MY TYPEWRITER...

Here's a surprise for you! We are starting a
serial which will run for several weeks, and the
first instalment appears today. I hope you like
it, boys and girls!

Keep your contributions for the Mystery Prize
coming in. Remember, too, that I am
always glad to get letters from you,
and to help you whenever I can. The
proper address when you are sending
letters in is: auntie Vee, SUNDAY
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Happy days to you all, from

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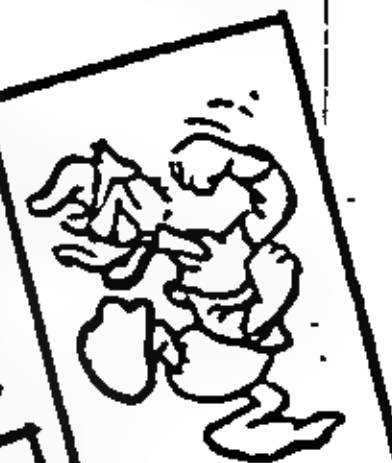
By Fred Majdalany

I am not, on the whole, wild about
singers. Nature's law of compensation
seems particularly harsh on them.Those who are gifted with fine voices
are seldom gifted with much else. Un-
less you count an apparently huge ap-
petite and a certain touchiness in pri-
vate life.The sight of a fleshy Tristan loving
and dying at the top of his voice is, to
me, one of the least satisfactory aesthe-
tic experiences.Once I saw the redoubtable Gigli in
"La Boheme," and all that lingers of
that occasion is the memory of a figure
like Puss in Boots comically telling
some girl that her tiny hand was fro-
zen. It may have been frozen, but I
well remember that it wasn't tiny.On the distaff side there have been
exceptions like Lily Pons and Grace
Moore. But I can't think of any among
the male nightingales.It is with astonishment as well as
pleasure, therefore, that I draw your
attention this week to Nino Martini,
who can be found in *One Night With
You*, a light-weight English musical
comedy.Mr. Martini—an Italian member of
the New York Metropolitan Opera—is
unlike any other tenor I have run
across in a long tenor-hating career.He is not a fat man. He is very
handsome. He can act. He has a sense
of comedy that is gentle, and as dry as
a good Martini should be.He glides into a song without effort,
and sings as though he were enjoying
it. And when he lets his superb voice
really go he manages this, too, without
any of that petrified straining of the
face which, in the case of most tenors,
gives me the impression that they are
about to throw up.Mr. Martini, in short, is fine. The
picture is less fine.It is about an opera star (Nino Mar-
tini) being stranded at an Italian way-
side station with the daughter of an
English diplomat (Patricia Roc), and
their adventures with and without
song, before they are found by the
girl's staid English fiancé (Guy Mid-
dleton), dynamic Italian lover (Ronar
Colleano) and comedy father (Hugh
Wakefield).It is obviously the kind of plot that
is not to be described in detail in a
two-column page. It is enough to say
that the basic slowness of the picture
is periodically relieved by sips of Mar-
tini and gulps of lively comedy.Besides those I have already men-
tioned, Charles Goldner, Richard
Hearne, Stanley Holloway, and Judith
Furse help these interludes along."One Night With You" is probably
the kind of film people have in mind
when they sometimes say to me, "Can
you recommend a show—somethinglight, you know—the wife and I don't
go often and we don't want anything
heavy."I haven't anything very much to say
against *The First Gentleman* nor have
I much to say in its favour. It is that
kind of picture.Solid and competent and straight-
forward—yet curiously null in its
effect.It is the story of Charlotte, daughter
of the Prince Regent—her love affair
with Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg—
the Regent's opposition to their marri-
age—her death bearing a stillborn son.Jean-Pierre Aumont and Joan Hop-
kins are fair but by no means unfor-
gettable lovers. Cecil Parker gives the
standard caricature of the Prince Re-
gent (lechery, false tummy and all)
with a strong dash of his own niceness
which can never be suppressed.Yet it seems to amount to no more
than another film in fancy dress—how-
ever reverently you breathe the fetish
word "Regency."However, no one is flogged or raped,
and that nowadays is quite an achieve-
ment.AN ARTISTIC
TRIUMPHBritain has put Shakespeare on
the screen once again and the result
is an artistic triumph, in the opinion
of critics.Sir Laurence Olivier has followed
his interpretation of Henry V with a
magnificent portrayal of Hamlet.
The film, which has been produced
at a cost of £500,000, was given its
first public showing in the presence
of the King and Queen in London
on Wednesday.It is a production of which Bri-
tain's film industry may well be
proud. The consensus of expert
critical judgment is very favourable."It has moments of rare beauty
and feeling such as the cinema has
seldom seen," says one critic. "It
has acting which proves once more
the greatness of the English stage.
It stirs emotions as deeply as only
Shakespeare can."The film may not have the pic-
torial quality of Henry V but it has,
however, the rarer virtue of proving
that the greatness of Shakespeare's
plays can be translated to the screen
without loss of dignity to the author
and with immense enjoyment to the
public.Another critic writes: "This is a
film to be seen by all. When it is
over you are sure to find yourself
arguing violently about it for hours.
Hamlet will be the dinner table topic
of the year."

Current Shows

KING'S.—"Forever Amber." Based on
the controversial novel of the
same title. With Linda Darnell
as Amber, Cornell Wilde, Richard
Greene and George Sanders.
Roadshow prices.QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA.—"The
Perils of Pauline." The story of
Pearl White, with Betty Hutton
and John Lund.ORIENTAL.—"This Time For Keeps."
With Esther Williams in a bathing
festa.LEE.—"The Macomber Affair." Ernest
Hemingway brought to the screen.
A brilliant performance by Joan
Bennett, Gregory Fack and Robert
Preston.NEXT CHANGE
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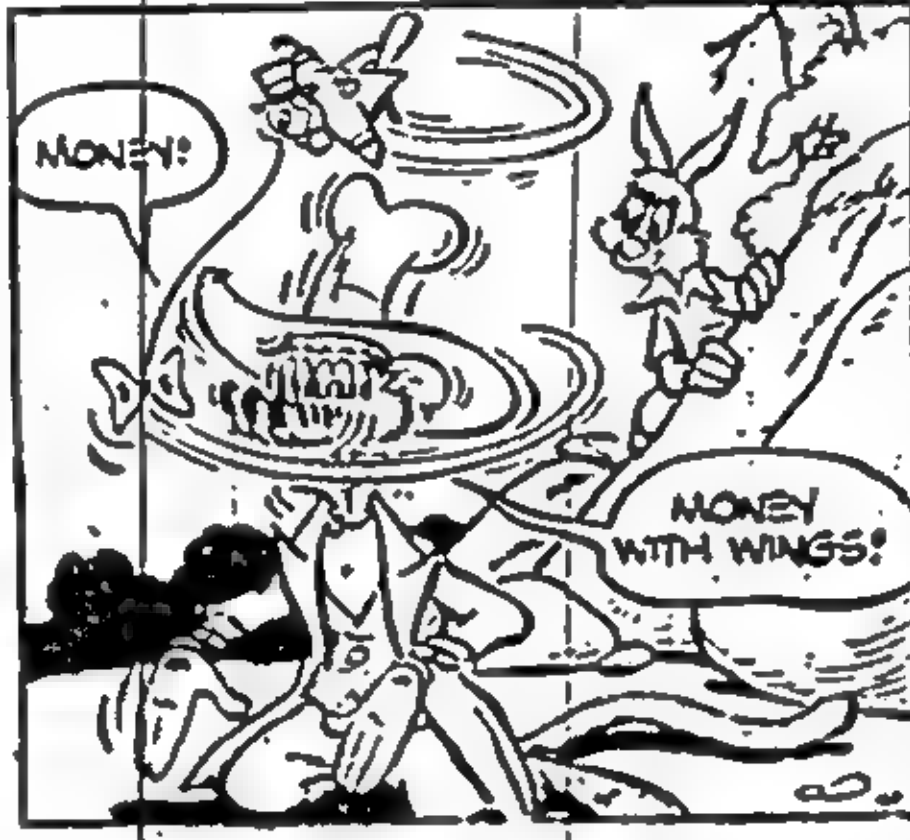
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Killers—By Post(Continued from Page 1)
possible he searched for photographs
of graves with the names of the vic-
tims marked on the rough wooden
crosses.Appealed And Shot
Five Times.The British Judge-Advocate-General
compiled a complete dossier of the
case by the middle of last year, based
largely on the evidence submitted by
the Cheshire schoolmaster and for this
they wrote to thank him.When the trial is held evidence will
show how after one of the murdered
men was shot he tried to struggle in
his feet appealing for his life as a pri-
soner of war. The guard told him to
stay where he was and shot him five
times.In September a correspondent re-
ported that Alan's body had been ex-
humed for investigation of his wounds
by a pathologist.Scraps of information still came in.
In January this year a revised dos-
sier was produced.The whereabouts of Fritz Wenzel re-
mains to be cleared up, but he prob-
ably cannot stay free for long now.Mr. Robinson's task is nearly com-
plete.After three years of searching and
tireless questioning he wanted but one
thing.He asked that his son's body be re-
turned to England. The reply from
the Imperial War Graves Commission
is that there has been a general ruling
against this. Alan must remain in the
cemetery a few miles from the place
where he was so brutally murdered.But Mr. Robinson has been given
permission to attend the trial of the
three Germans if he wishes.One man and many hundreds
of postage stamps.

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BRER RABBIT AN' JACK SPARRER IS SCHEVIN' A WAY TO KETCH BRER WEASEL FER TRAPPIN' MOLLY'S NIECES...



MERRY MOMENTS:

RIDDLES

- (a) When are you most likely to get a stitch in your side?
(b) What is it that we wish for, and when we have obtained it we never know we have it?

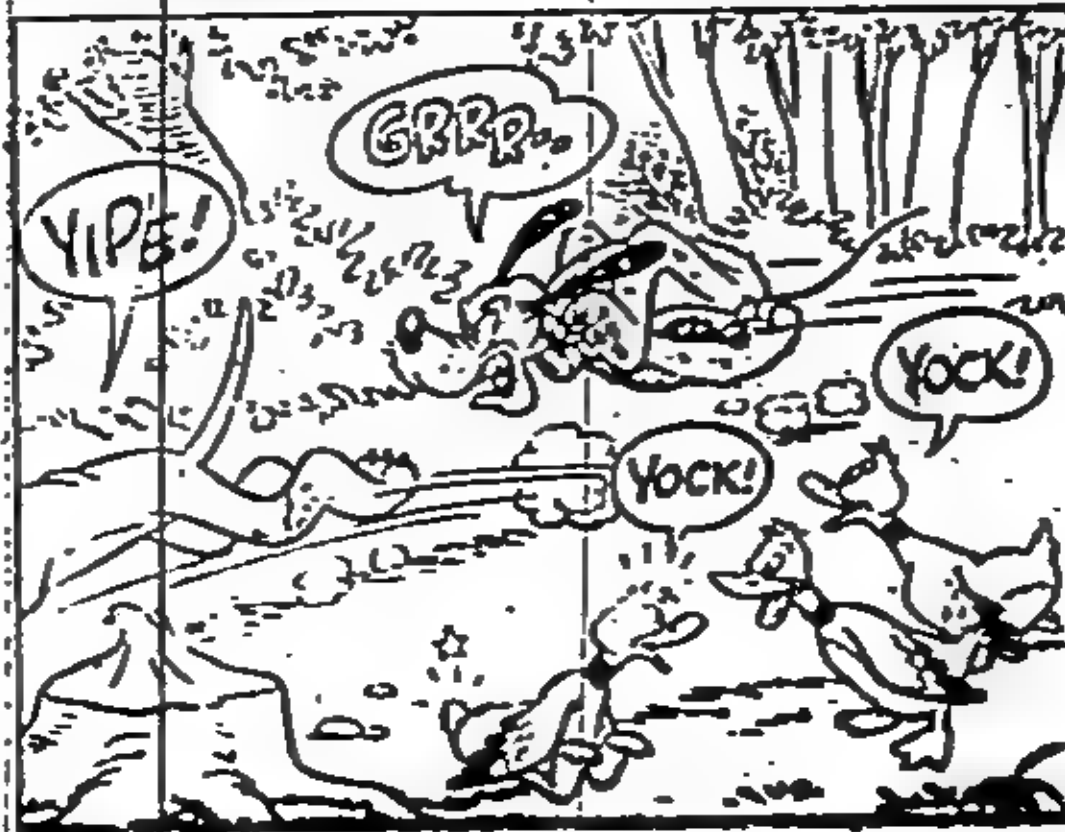
- (c) What is the difference between a prince and a ball-
(d) What insect lives on nothing?
(e) What did the lamb say to the mink?

ANSWERS

Answer: (a) When hemmed in by a crowd. (b) Sleep. (c) One is heir to the throne and the other is thrown to the air. (d) A moth because it eats holes. (e) "None of your sauce!"

WICKY MOUSE

by
WALT DISNEY



SUNDAY HERALD MAGAZINE SECTION

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 1948.

The Story Of A Relentless English Schoolmaster

ONE MAN HUNTS FOUR KILLERS--BY POST

This is the story of the relentless determination of an English schoolmaster who, single handed, working entirely through the post, has brought to almost complete success a three-year man-hunt for four German alleged murderers.

Today two await trial. One is known to have been shot. The net of the farflung letter post is believed to be closing around the fourth.

One man...and many hundred postage stamps.

In its way it is the most remarkable man-hunt in history.

Yesterday Mr. Tom Robinson, 50-year-old schoolmaster, showed me in the sitting-room of his house in Chestnut-drive, Sale, Cheshire, the vast dossiers which hold the record of his activities.

The story began when a Lancaster bomber in a night raid over Germany was shot down in 1945.

The seven airmen baled out. At least three of them were murdered. None came back.

Mr. Robinson set out to find why the seven men did not return. For one of the murdered men was his only son, Alan, a 19-year-old sergeant flight engineer.

Month after month, without leaving his home, Mr. Robinson reconstructed every moment in the last hours of his son's life, from the time he parachuted in to a field in Buttsdaedt until the time he was taken out and shot. He traced five of the other members of the crew.

Then, without relent, he trailed the four men he believed responsible for the murders.

First news that came to Mr. Robinson was a telegram from the Air Ministry saying "deeply regret your son is missing."

When war ended two months later, he determined that, no matter how long it took, he would trace his son.

In May, 1945, he obtained from the Air Ministry the course taken by his son's aircraft. With a detailed map of Germany he marked the main towns along the route.

To the officials of 43 of them, he sent a list of the crew with an appeal for information. All but three letters were return unopened.

Mr. Bevin Would Not Act

He sent more letters. Some found their way into Germany. The same appeal was in them all—"My boy may have crash-landed in your area. Perhaps his name is among your records."

Three months later he wrote to Mr. Bevin at the Foreign Office asking him to approach our ambassador in Czechoslovakia but was told "No useful purpose would be served."

At last from the Air Ministry came tangible news of Alan's death. "Your son was shot with another member of the crew while trying to escape at Hermsdorf, south-west of Buttsdaedt. They did not know where he was buried."

In January, 1946, Mr. Robinson was successful in compelling the Air Ministry to give him the names of the suspected German murderers. Landrat Hoffman, of Weimar; Herman Jacobs, Burgemeister of Buttsdaedt; Bernhard Kalkofe and Fritz Wenzel. All the men were missing.

The outcome of more letters to Germany was the locating of a German guard at Buttsdaedt, who was persuaded to cooperate. Let me call him Hans, for there may still be underground Nazis who will not like the help he gave.

Mr. Robinson began a regular correspondence with Hans, who undertook to search the surrounding countryside for information the far-away schoolmaster wanted.

The hunt grew warm by April when Hans wrote that Fritz Wenzel had been located in the American zone of Germany and was being detained.

He sent also photographs of Alan's grave at Buttsdaedt cemetery and from these pictures Mr. Robinson was

By

JACK STONELEY

able to trace another members of the crew. He notified the man's relatives.

In the following month, Hans had made countless inquiries that built up a picture of Alan's death.

When fighters hit the Lancaster at 4,000ft., it burst into flames and the crew parachuted into a snow-covered field.

Around midnight two men, one of them Alan, arrived at the village and were taken to a hut under guard. Next morning, both were taken to Buttsdaedt by order of Landrat Hoffman, sub-prefect of the district, and shot at a road junction. The incident aroused indignation even among the villagers.

News For Crimes Commission

Mr. Robinson had by this time written to the local gravedigger and found his son had been buried by a padre and his grave was being looked after.

All this information was sent to the War Crimes Commission. So was the next news which Mr. Robinson received from a German contact in July, 1946.

The aircraft's bomb aimer was taken to the police station. Eye-witnesses described him being placed blindfolded in the street where it is alleged, Landrat Hoffman ran his car over him. He was buried in the churchyard at Schlossviopache.

Hans sent a painting of the grave, which was forwarded to his relatives.

More inquiries by Mr. Robinson revealed that another airman, a warrant-officer, had been taken to a farm, injured but progressing.

A few days later Hoffman ordered an S.S. doctor to give the airman injections and he died a few hours later on his way to hospital.

On receiving this information the War Crimes Commission asked Mr. Robinson to continue with his inquiries.

For his persistence, despite the distance from which he was working, was achieving results which in this case were of more value than the information of Allied inquirers on the spot.

One man...and many hundreds of postage stamps.

Slowly Mr. Robinson built up a string of German contacts. In letter after letter he begged for any scrap of information they could give him, however trivial.

One fact led to another. He traced the places where the wanted Germans had lodged.

One Escaped The Hangman

He found that Landrat Hoffman had escaped the hangman and had been shot by a German sentry. For proof he obtained a statement of his death from the burgomaster of Weimar.

From the American Crimes Suspect and Witness Enclosure he found that Fritz Wenzel had been handed over to the British authorities. He is now missing.

Soon Kalkofe was in British hands. Now to find Herman Jacobs. A chain of clues led Mr. Robinson to an internment camp at Kornwestheim. He wrote to the commanding officer asking, "Is there a man called Herman Jacobs in your camp?"

The reply was that he had been transferred to Dachau. Mr. Robinson notified the British authorities, and there Jacobs was located.

By March last year Kalkofe made a statement admitting that both airmen were shot but denied taking an active part in the murder. The safety catch on his rifle, he declared, was not working.

Meanwhile Hans reported that he had traced two more members of the crew, a flying officer and the young air runner.

Information began to come through



Alan Robinson: His murderers brought to justice.

more slowly, for sources were now well inside the Russian zone.

The Judge-Advocate thanking him for his work, advised him of the dangers of Russian censorship.

He was covering delicate ground in their zone. Too many letters might result in them taking an undue interest in this and other cases.

Despite this warning the authorities still asked Mr. Robinson for more information, this time about the S.S. doctor who made the injections.

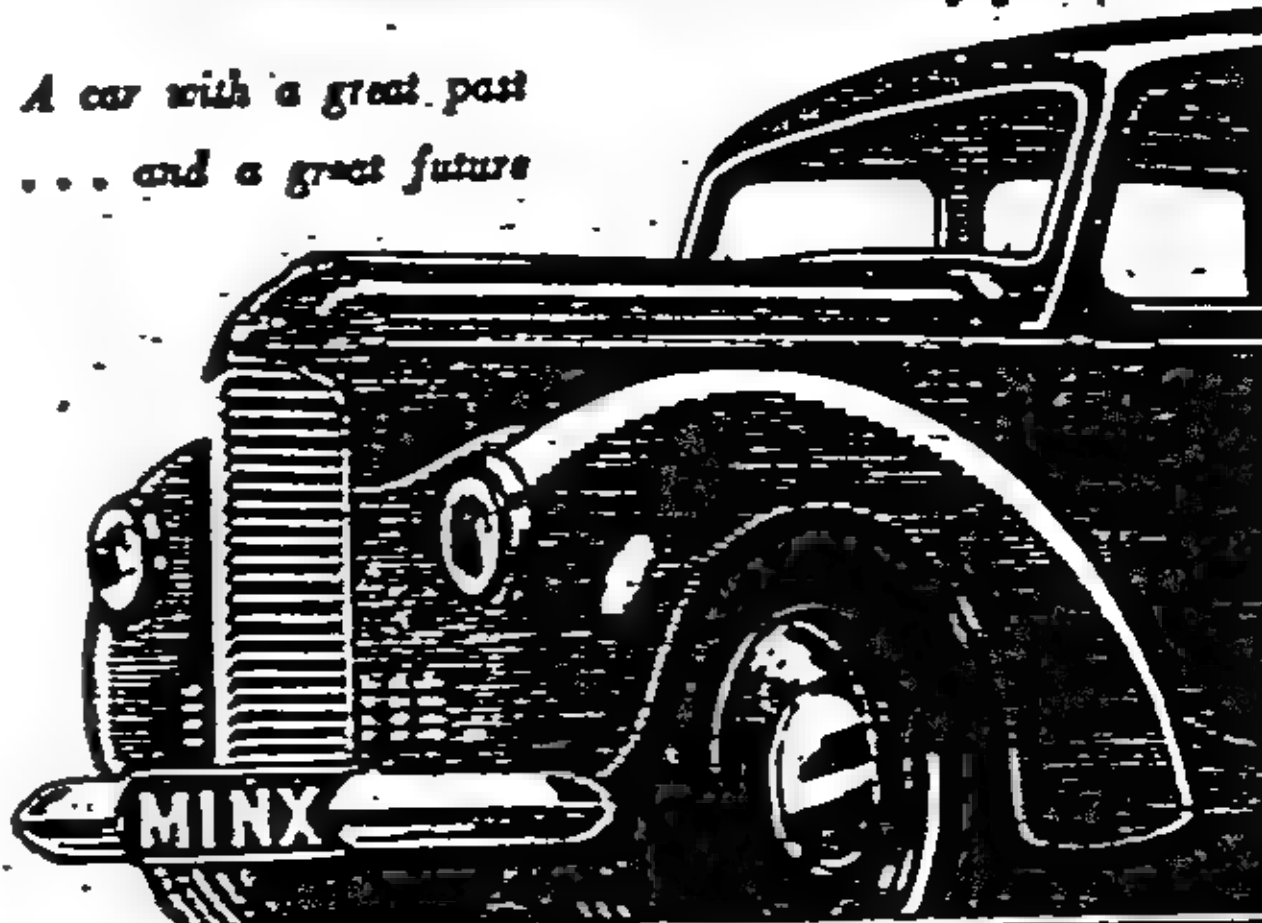
He heeded the warning, but continued to bring new facts to life.

Whenever he obtained details concerning other airmen he immediately wrote to their next-of-kin. Wherever

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Where There's A Will There's A Way

"In spite of nationalisation it is still almost impossible to get a seat in many long-distance trains."—Sigh from a Socialist.

Have you ever tried wheel-tapping, sir? All you need is an old boiler-suit and a hammer. You then walk along the line to any compartment you may fancy and smartly tap the wheels with the hammer, at the same time exclaiming in a shocked voice: "T'ch, t'ch t'ch! Look it here, Joe! Here's another one with a whacking great crack in it! It never used to happen when we was the old Midland!"

Another good plan which can scarcely fail nowadays is to fling open the door of any compartment at random and say to one of the four passengers occupying corner seats: "Look sharp, now! Take your bag and go over to Platform 7 and report to Group Zoner Harris. You're drafted into the cotton industry."

Don't forget, though, sir, that in spite of nationalisation the British Public is very apt to sit in anything on railway stations, fondly believing that if only it sits there long enough it will ultimately reach its destination.

Only last week a shrewd fellow at a London terminus turned a number of passengers out of what he thought was a cattle truck bound for Crewe by shouting "All change!" He then took sole possession of it and went to sleep. When he woke up, hours later, he found that he was sitting in the third-class waiting-room.

Do you Understand Your Garden?

It is not generally realised by amateurs that if a garden is to produce a luxuriant display of blossoms and vegetables in the height of summer then the ground must first be prepared in the spring. Many failures may be attributed to ignorance of this elementary principle.

The best method of preparation, and one much favoured by professional horticulturists, is to turn over the earth with a spade. This breaks up the soil into small pieces, thereby greatly aiding cultivation.

When digging, care should be taken to thrust the spade towards the ground with a downward movement, rather than thrust it towards the sky with an upward movement. The spade will then actually penetrate the soil to a depth of several inches.

If the handle is afterwards pulled towards you and the implement turned over it will be found that a clod has been dug.

A good tip to remember is always to move slowly backwards when digging. If the reverse direction is taken by the digger he will walk over the freshly dug soil and tread it underfoot, thereby completely nullifying his previous work.

The News In Headlines

(classified for the
puzzled foreigner)

RATIONING

"Rain for tea"

SAILING

"Schools ban lace craft"

SAFETY FIRST

"M.P.H. but doesn't hunt himself"

ELEGANT EUPHEMISMS

"Bevan—a serious misunderstanding"

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 1948.

Over to You

NEWS QUIZ

1. British forces have been rushed into Palestine in a vain effort to keep the peace, at least until the British mandate ends. When does it end?

2. Dignified official notes have been exchanged between British and American Foreign Offices on the subject of Japan. Do you know if the peace treaty with Japan has been signed yet?

3. A bomb outrage reminiscent of the days of Chicago during Prohibition and the Russian Revolution killed an Englishman this week. Who was he?

4. Questions are being asked in the House of Commons on the justification of spending money and building materials on two houses for Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. What is their town house to be?

5. The British Industries Fair was opened this week in a blaze of publicity and good will. At what two cities in England is it being held?

6. Questions have been asked (without any answers, for a time) about the whereabouts of Lt. Col. Y.D.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Music Fans, please: The Town of Titipu is the subtitle of which of the Gilbert & Sullivan operas?

2. If you can spell hieroglyphics you can move up one anyway, without answering this question: With what people are hieroglyphics usually associated?

3. The answer to this question is not Hong Kong. More than half the fresh water of the world is collected in what connected bodies of water?

4. A very famous international organisation was suggested by an American President, but rejected by the U.S. What was it?

5. What was family name of the last of the royal rulers of Russia?

6. What mother and daughter have been Nobel Prize recipients?

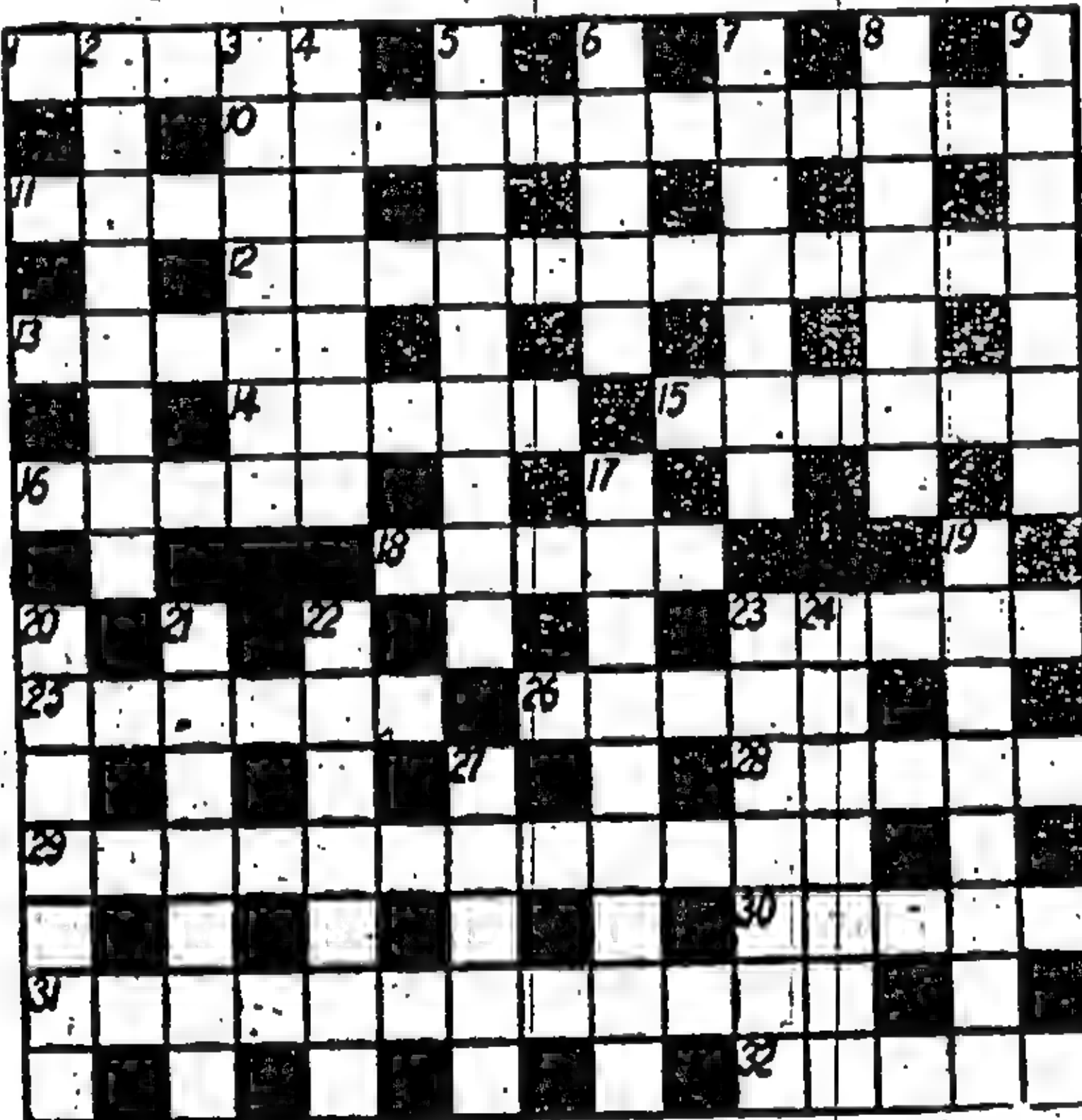
(Answers in Page Four)

Tassoyev, Soviet Army officer stationed in Germany. Where is he now?

7. Can you name the two candidates for the vacant seat on the Hong Kong Legislative Council?

(Answers in Page Two)

THE SUNDAY HERALD CROSSWORD No. 55



ACROSS

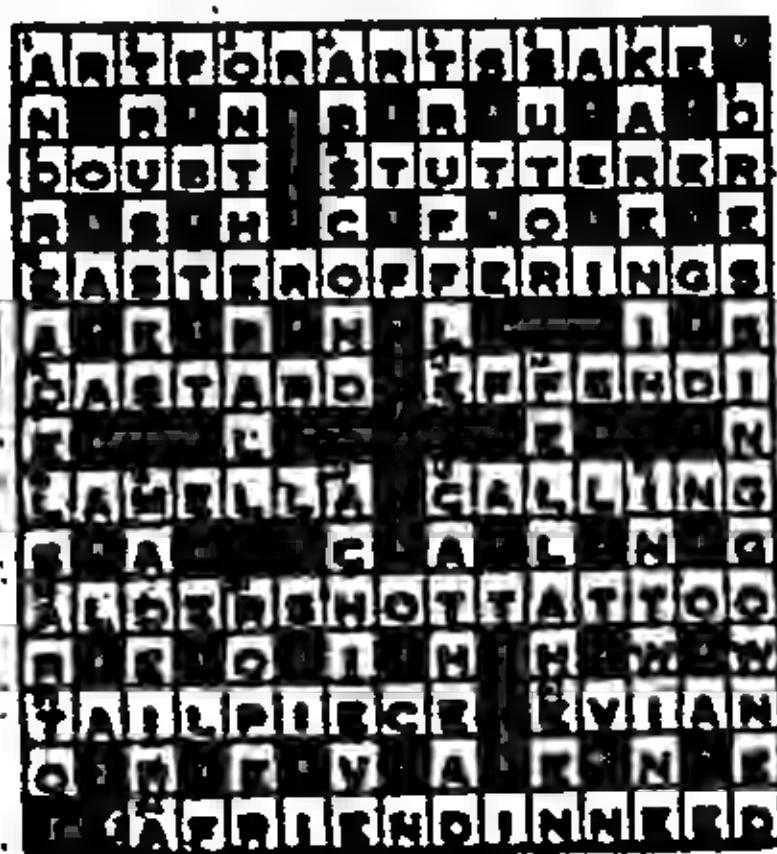
- 1, 10 The The story of the 15s. (5, 3, 9)
- 11 A decreasing indication. (5)
- 12 This meagre allowance does us a fat lot of good. (6, 6)
- 13 The second Miss 15 received one from 20. (5)
- 14 Varnish as the confirmed offender does. (5)
- 15 Inclined about north-east. (6)
- 16 Mill's novel situation. (5)
- 18 Not generally the last thing put on; though it may be. (5)

- 23 "Wait the turning of the —s of wrath." (D. G. Rossetti.) (5)
- 25 To live in a mount. (6)
- 26 Theatrical staircase. (5)
- 28 A poem? If so it might be 29. (3)
- 29 Study of the meter? (5, 7)
- 30 Halve them at the finish. (5)
- 31 Sufficiently punctual always. (5, 3, 4)
- 32 Unconscious noise from 27. (5)

DOWN

- 2 The autumn academy? (8)
- 3 Anyhow they put on colour. (7)
- 4 Makes certain. (7)
- 5 In this an actor is distinguished. (9)
- 6 It goes from side to side. (5)
- 7 They give dramatic indications about a rat. (7)
- 8 "Lost in stormy—keep with phantoms an unprofitable strife." (Shelley.) (7)
- 9 Turn up a stinker. (7)
- 17 The Italian philosopher holds up an Italian bank; hence these tears. (9)
- 19 Uncle of the Misses 15. (8)
- 20 He made a name for 22. (7)
- 21 What father does at his daughter's wedding in apprehension. (7)
- 22 They are seven. (7)
- 23 But Holst's is not the music of the spheres. (7)
- 24 Their clients take a drop too much. (7)
- 27 Spanish produce of a 32. (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 54



BRIDGE

Two-suit hands have some helpful features. In the first place the distribution is so strong that an opening bid on them can be made on shaded high-card values (i.e., two "defensive" tricks instead of two and a-half). Then, again, there is the double chance of finding a fit in the trump suit in the partner's hand. Consider the hand below:

S A
H A x x
D A J 10 9
C 10 8 x x x

S Q
H 10 x x
D 7 5 3 2
C K 9 x x x

N
W E
S

S 10 8 7 4 2
H Q J 9 x x
D none
C A Q J

S K J 9 6 5 3
H K x
D K Q 8 6 4
C none

The score was game-all. After East (dealer) passed, South opened with One Spade at most tables in a recent competition. He could, on his strong two-suit distribution, shade his requirements in defensive tricks down to two. The further bidding proceeded on different lines up to contracts of Five or Six Diamonds or Four or six Spades. An easy Slam was made in a contract in Diamonds but not in Spades. Where North bid Two Diamonds over One Spade, right-ly giving preference to his shorter Diamonds because of the high-card strength of the suit, the later bidding found a contract in Diamonds. Note now how all three helpful features applied:

1. South's opening bid on shaded high-card values because he had a two-suiter.

2. The "double chance" found a perfect fit in Diamonds; and

3. In the play winners were developed in South's second suit, Spades.

After low spades had been ruffed on the second and third rounds and trumps had been drawn, the last three Spades, K, J, 9, took tricks. The stronger the two-suit hand, the greater is the chance of developing winners in the second suit. The bidding must be kept low on two-suit hands, so that a bid in the second suit is not shut out.



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ARAB AGREEMENT FOR TRUCE IN JERUSALEM

British Failure Irritates Americans

Lake Success, May 7. Britain has asked Dr. Trygve Lie, the Secretary General of the United Nations, to inform the Security Council and the General Assembly that the High Commissioner in Palestine has failed to find a neutral commissioner for Jerusalem.

Authoritative British circles explained that Britain's message on the matter did not indicate any unwillingness on the part of the High Commissioner to find a suitable man.

It was merely an indication that the number of persons suitable for such a post had been so far reduced that no candidate could be found on the spot.

The news, which caused some surprise here, provoked some indignation among the American delegation. A spokesman said his delegation would have a "strong reaction."

The American view was that the difficulties of finding a commissioner must have been known to the High Commissioner some time ago. It was a "British" suggestion that the High Commissioner should choose the man and the present change of plans, less than 24 hours after the Assembly's decision was difficult to understand.

The American spokesman suggested that his delegation's criticism would be that this incident was another example of the British authorities' lack of cooperation with the United Nations.—Reuter.

Britons Confer In Jericho

Jerusalem, May 7. The British efforts to get peace in Jerusalem brought agreement from both Arabs and Jews tonight to cease fire in the city as from noon tomorrow. The agreement was announced in an official British communique from Jericho, where Sir Alan Cunningham, British High Commissioner for Palestine and Sir Henry Gurney, the Chief Secretary, were in conference with Arab leaders, including Azzam Pasham, Secretary-General of the Arab League.

The Jews immediately responded with a Jewish Agency spokesman saying: "We have been saying for two months that as soon as the Arabs stop shooting in Jerusalem—and elsewhere—we will also."

The headquarters of Haganah in Jerusalem will issue cease fire orders to all Haganah troops in the city tonight, the spokesman added.

As the Jericho communique was issued, the tramp of Arab monitors and the crack of machine-gun fire resounded over the Yemen Moshe quarter of Jerusalem and the Jews threw up a grey smoke screen cloud that covered the area.

Despatches from Tel Aviv reported continued fighting in both northern and southern Palestine.

The End

The end of 30 years of British rule in Palestine, in eight days' time, will be marked by an official ceremony in Haifa, where Sir Alan, on behalf of the British Government, is expected formally to relinquish the mandate.

Sir Alan will drive in a bullet-proof Daimler car to Kalandia airport, five miles from Jerusalem, and fly to Haifa, possibly two or three days before May 15.

In Haifa, he will embark on a British cruiser for Britain about May 16.

A 13-man Jewish national administration is ready to take over the "ruins" of the Palestine Government after the British mandate ends, a Jewish Agency spokesman said today.

Jewish employees in the British administration have been ordered to remain at their posts.

Ahead Of Schedule

In Haifa, the chief British evacuation port, Major-General H.C. Stockwell, the British Army Commander in Northern Palestine, was reported to have told Jewish Agency officials that the evacuation would be completed much quicker than was at first anticipated.

These officials said the evacuation might be completed by early July, which would be nearly a month ahead of the scheduled date of August 1.

The troopship George arrived at Haifa today to take off several thousand British troops.

ARAB ADMISSION

Beirut, May 8. An Arab leader today admitted publicly for the first time that internal arguments among Arab rulers had delayed the invasion of Palestine.

M. Camille Chamoun, Interior Minister of the Lebanon, told a press conference that the Arab League was to blame for not having armed itself and that Palestine Arabs were guilty of having failed to defend their homeland.

"This was due to internal quarrels and it is criminal to hide this truth from the people," he said.

M. Chamoun said international considerations delayed the Arab invasion, but competition among Arab rulers to head the invasion also had proved a major reason for the delay.

He said only force would solve the Holy Land question and urged an invasion immediately after May 15.

If the Jews succeeded in establishing a State, he said, there would be grave danger not only for Arab Palestine but for all Arab neighbours of the Holy Land.—United Press.

French India Vote

Toulouse, May 8. Last week's vote by French India's Representative Assembly to remain outside the Indian Union may well be the starting point for negotiations for a solution of the issue, while respecting the geographical situation of the French territories, the French Minister of Overseas Territories, M. Paul Coste-Floret, said today.

The Representative Assembly of French India—the five towns of Pondicherry, Mahé, Karikal, Yanam and Chandernagore—has 44 elected members, but has limited powers. It gives advice to the French authorities who may, however, reject such counsel.—Reuter.

"My Ministry can congratulate itself on the spontaneous outcome of the vote by the Representative Assembly with the 'enormous majority' of 34 to three," Reuter.

and police. British authorities announced that British police had been evacuated from the Gaza district on May 4.

An Arab Headquarters communique from Damascus reported that Jewish attacks on Safed, in northern Palestine—one of the four Jewish holy cities—had been repulsed with heavy losses. It was stated officially here today, however, that Haganah forces have captured the central police station in Safed and took over the town after the Arabs had evacuated the city.

The typhoid epidemic in Acre, across the bay from Haifa, has spread to surrounding Arab villages, an international Red Cross representative said in Haifa today.

U.S. Efforts

Fifty-two British troops, seven British police and at least 70 civilians were yesterday listed as victims of a Jewish attack on the Lebanese Government has offered serum for 8,000 people in Acre and the Jewish authorities in Haifa have ordered the inoculation of everyone entering the city.

In Washington, President Truman said that despite Britain's refusal to extend its mandate over Palestine for 10 days at America's request, the United States Government was still making every effort to halt Jewish-Arab bloodshed.

President Truman declined to comment on reports of new American attempts to persuade Arabs and Jews to negotiate a truce, but asserted he was still ready to place a plane at the disposal of Arab and Jewish representatives for a flight to Palestine in any effort to reach a truce.

In New York, the Palestine "Resistance-Defence" Fund published an appeal for support in a two-page advertisement in the newspaper PM today, under the heading: "For the British situation in Palestine deteriorates. Only then the Palestine Arabs began to run like rats."

The advertisement said the supply division of the "Armenian League for a Free Palestine" would arrange to forward medical supplies and food to destinations in Palestine and asked citizens to contribute money to the "Iron Fund of Hebrew Liberation."—Reuter.

Flotilla Bound For Shanghai

Shanghai, May 8. A flotilla of 80 freighters, tugs and other small vessels purchased by the Chinese Government from the Foreign Liquidation Commission in the Philippines are at present en route to Shanghai, according to the Chinese press.

The ships are said to be part of a huge fleet of surplus sold to China last November.

The ferrying of these vessels out of Subic anchorage in Leyte is described as the "biggest undertaking of its sort in any waters."

It is estimated by naval authorities that the navigational gear aboard the surplus ships are sufficient to keep a sizeable fleet of merchant ships in operation for almost 30 years.

Liberty and Victory ships are said to be among the freighters en route to Shanghai.—Reuter.

ARSON IN SEOUL

Seoul, May 8. American correspondents and Army officers watched from windows of nearby Chosun Hotel as a 50-minute general alarm fire destroyed the two-story brick printing plant of the two Right Wing newspapers, Tonga Ilbo and Seoul News.

The fire, reported at 8 a.m., was believed to have been set by an incendiary in the Communist violence campaign against the South Korean election on Monday.—United Press.

Striking Miners Ask For A Priest

Sheffield, May 7. The National Coal Board today served dismissal notices on 900 coal workers at Walswood Colliery here, where 90 miners had been on a stay-down strike since Monday. The Board, who control the coal industry, are determined to close the mine because it is being run at a loss. The 90 miners, picked from among the youngest and fittest men, are pledged to stay underground until the Board promises to keep the pit open.

Today, the strikers were building a pulpit and asked for a priest to come down to them on Sunday for morning services. They have spent more than 100 hours in the shaft.—Reuter.

PRO-U.S. PARADE HELD IN PILSEN

Prague, May 8.

Eye-witness reports from Pilsen today disclosed that the police rounded up students for questioning late yesterday after breaking up a pro-American demonstration. No arrests were reported.

Farran's Brother Buried

London, May 8.

Captain Roy Farran went unceremoniously today at the funeral of his brother Rex, who was killed by a Jewish terrorist bomb intended for Captain Farran.

The retired 26-year-old officer, who was acquitted of killing a Jewish youth in Palestine but is still a marked man to the terrorists, led his family to the graveside, supporting his mother's arm. A heavy police guard patrolled the cemetery to avert any more attempts on Captain Farran's life.

A wreath from Capt. Farran and two other brothers read: "Good show, Dad. It shall not be in vain. We will remember."—United Press.

NEW AIR FORCE

Washington, May 7.

The United States Air Force announced today that they would purchase 243 bombers and 1,575 jet fighters with the new funds expected to be approved by Congress within the next few days.—Reuter.

Pilsen, headquarters of the U.S. occupation forces for six months in 1945, was celebrating the third anniversary of its liberation yesterday.

At the same time, other cities throughout Czechoslovakia were celebrating their liberation from the Nazis with no indication that the Western powers had anything to do with it.

Pilsen eye-witnesses said that in a "silent demonstration" at the base of the unfinished monument to the American Army in a day's town park, passers-by blanketed the stone with flowers and sprinkled the flowers with water throughout the day to keep them fresh.

Anonymous hands had decorated the monument with pictures of President Truman, the late M. Jan Masaryk, the 22nd Corps Commander (General Ernest Harmon) and Colonel Noble, commander of the 16th Armoured Corps which liberated Pilsen. They said a sign in Czech and in English, read: "We shall never forget. All hail to American, country of freedom and liberty."—United Press.

THE "INVENTOR OF RADIO"

Moscow, May 8.

The Soviet Union on Friday celebrated Radio Day, honouring Alexander Popov, "the inventor of radio."

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BETWEEN OURSELVES SUMMER AFTERNOON FROCKS ARE COOL AND COMFORTABLE

By JANET MARTIN



The graceful, elegant evening dress shown here with its long, flowing skirt and delicate lace detailing, is a perfect example of the style we are discussing. It is a light-colored dress with a full skirt and a long, flowing train, suitable for formal evening wear.

Styles for afternoon wear in the hot weather need careful selection. How to look cool... no matter how much the reverse one may feel... is always the first consideration. Choice must be restricted to those styles which not only suit the individual chooser, but the climate as well, which means that we are often compelled to turn the page of the pattern books, albeit with a sigh, going on to find another less gorgeous, more practical illustration.

Whatever the prevailing vogue of the moment, our summer clothes simply must be light, cool, and not too closely fitting for comfort. When choosing materials for afternoon wear, when something more formal than washing cottons are required, it's just as well to keep in mind the inescapable fact that some materials are just not suitable for hot weather wear.

Cotton King

Crepes, for instance, which sometimes have a habit of clinging when the skin is moist and revealing damp patches when the skin becomes more than moist... are to be avoided. Cottons still reign supreme for summer wear in humid climates, for they seem to have greater absorbent qualities than most other fabrics. We are fortunate this year to have such a delightful range of extra lightweight cottons to choose from for prettier frocks. Embroidered voiles and cambrics, the finest of cotton

mousseline, reminiscent of the picture frocks of Victorian days, they are all here. As I said last week, it is still rather early to expect a wide selection of summer styles from the saloons of European houses, but there are enough to give us a lead in the right direction. Among the prints, tiny floral designs and tie prints are level favourites, with the bolder designs of more formalised flower motifs and abstracts.

Mixed Dates

One particular advantage of the new length for afternoons, eleven inches from the ground for formal wear, is that afternoon styles can be worn on into the evening for informal occasions. Specially attractive are the two piece ensembles, the frock cut with a low neck or with shoulder straps, eminently suitable for afternoons. Two models I have seen in this category deserve mention. One is in white sharkskin... the fine, soft kind, cut with a full skirt of unpressed pleats and a moulded bodice, topless, with broad, folded shoulder straps. Over this goes the briefest jacket made from a similar material in navy. Worn with a navy and white straw chip bonnet and navy shoes, a perfect afternoon outfit. Worn without the jacket, with gold kid slippers

and costume jewellery, equally perfect for a dinner party. The other is in fine printed rayon; white ground with a dainty flower design outlined in red, green and black. The skirt, swinging full, is very nearly circular, the bodice skilfully draped, with a deep V back and front. The tiny jacket, of the same material, is really just two draped sleeves joined by a strip across the back just deep enough to cover the V. Variations on this theme can go on indefinitely, and I foresee the idea becoming increasingly popular as its possibilities are realised.

Now for a few of the "summer hints" from the Spring Collections. Victor Stebel's washable woman skirt is certainly an eye-catcher, but too difficult to wear to achieve popular esteem. The skirt is cut very full and gathered into the waist. Side panels are looped up and caught into the waist at the front, for all the world like a washerwoman who has tucked up the front of the skirt to keep it out of the wet. Pleats are more popular than ever, pleats in bunches, sprays, fanfolds or swirling right around the skirt. These styles are more difficult for us to adapt because of the amount of washing and pressing necessary out here, but I have seen one or two pleated skirts made easy to handle by having the edges of the pleats stitched so that even after washing the lines are still there.



New fashions go on Utility

Here is good news for the average-income girl.

Utility versions of the new-style clothes are now becoming popular. Manufacturers have confounded the pessimists who said it would be impossible to create present fashion inexpensively. I have seen several all-utility mannequin parades lately which prove this.

All the clothes Berill has illustrated are typical of the Utilities which will soon be obtainable, and there is a big variety of colours. Left to right:

1. Shirt-waist dress in fine wool with rounded shoulder line, a waist-hugging belt, shantung pockets and front fullness in the skirt.
2. A "little" dressmaker suit in wool with pearl collar, fitted bodice and front fullness in the skirt.
3. This coat has a "doll" waist and flap pockets with fullness springing out from underneath.
4. Another suit, this time with a collar which can be closed or open. The jacket gently flares over the hips and the swinging skirt has fullness in the front.

—EDNA MCKENNA.

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We certainly don't want to go back to the days of tight lacing and backache, but we can still take a tip or two from grandma, a tip which is still used in all the dancing academies and mannequin schools of the world: in practising walking with a book balanced on the top of the head. No one has yet discovered a better way of promoting a graceful walk. And believe me, to be in the swim of 1948, we simply must be graceful.



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Our grandmothers placed the greatest possible importance on the attainment of perfect carriage. Indeed they carried their training to such lengths, with the aid of backboards, shoulder braces and similar gadgets, that they developed a very unnatural ramrod-stiffness of the spine.

Even so, their carriage was eminently suited to the clothes they wore, and now that Fashion has decreed, and we have acquiesced to, a return to styles more than ever reminiscent of the Victorian era, it is incumbent upon us to take stock of our deportment.

Watch the increasing number of exponents of the new styles in their new long skirts and I am sure you will agree with me that to wear them with any success at all, one simply must know how to walk. Not that I am proposing a return to the upright, mincing gait of the "dolls" of the past—but I do feel that about nine out of ten of us could improve our walk and carriage greatly to our own advantage.

Long Legs—Long Skirts

Take the new afternoon skirt, for instance. Several yards around the hem and swinging to within eleven inches or so of the ground. Put it on the girl who walks with loose-limbed mannish lunge and what happens... it just gets tangled up with her legs and remains in a state of perpetual confusion.

Or put it on the girl who bounces along with rapid, jerky steps, and the hemline at the back will wag to and fro like the tail of Mary's Little Lamb!

Above the full, swinging skirt is usually a fitted bodice, moulded closely to the figure. It is quarantined to reveal every rounded shoulder, set the whole figure out of alignment, and much worse, they automatically give the body a slight slump, pushing out the abdomen and quite ruining that neat-waisted effect.

And the head! Low necks and off-the-shoulder bodices simply demand a graceful line from chin to throat and shoulder, which is only to be achieved by a well-poised head, proudly carried. A slumped posture invariably causes the head to poke forward at a most unbecoming angle, or to be carried tilted on the top of the spine at an angle calculated to induce aching muscles and at least one double chin.

I'm quite sure that most of us have little or no idea of the defects in our posture. They are, unfortunately, among the things for more noticeable to others than they are to ourselves.

Health And Beauty

But it remains a fact that almost all our many and varied "figure troubles" can be accounted for, in the first place, by bad posture. Many a girl who bemoans an over-adequate waistline or slack tummy muscles could cure herself overnight if only she would teach herself to walk correctly.

What is the secret of good posture? The essence of it is simple. Just stand straight up tall. Try it in front of your mirror and see what a difference it makes to your figure, especially from the side view.

To do this, stand first in your normal position. Now lift your head, chin up, straighten your shoulders and make yourself as tall as you can, lifting the chest, drawing in the tummy... this follows naturally when you lift your chest. Next take a deep breath, filling the lungs and drawing yourself up to your full height. Release the breath slowly and naturally... now you should be standing correctly, straight, but not stiff.

Examine yourself in this position and see if there is not a great improvement. How to keep it up is the great problem but practice, as in all things, leads to perfection—and this is something you can practice anywhere, at any time.

Practice when walking, cultivating a smooth, even step without jerks and bounces, keep

Teachers' Rules for Problem Parents

School teachers have their problem parents as well as their problem children, according to an article in a recent issue of House Beautiful magazine.

"How I wish some one would tell parents some of the things they do to make our job more difficult," one young teacher sighed.

A set of rules for parents to follow to avoid being problem parents are incorporated in the article. They are:

1. DON'T rush to school to see about your child's work or deportment at the slightest provocation.
2. DON'T send frequent notes to school.
3. DON'T busy yourself too much with your clubs, careers or

friends to bother with school activities.

4. DON'T let your children go to the movies or stay up so late at night that they are sleepy in class next day.

5. DON'T shirk your responsibility to see that the children do their homework and then blame the teacher for grading them when they fail to get it in.

6. DON'T give your children too much help at home so they can't think for themselves in school.

7. DON'T encourage your children in criticizing the teacher.

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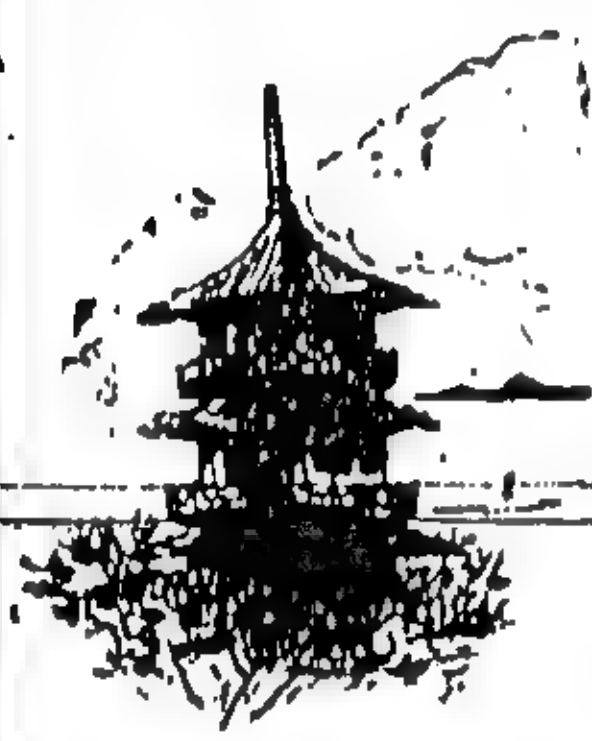
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VERSATILE EMILY POSTBy Barbara E. Scott Fisher
of The Christian Science MonitorHow Emily Post first started writing and
the fact that she is "an architect at heart" will
interest readers of this interview with the
well-known authority on etiquette.

"Emily Post says..."
How many times you have
heard this phrase and visual-
ized some unyielding mentor
with finger raised, or, worse
still, an aristocratic eyebrow
cocked in your direction.

Nothing of the kind! Think
rather of a woman with humour,
enthusiasm and a deep under-
standing and love of people, and
you come nearer a concept of
Emily Post.

Let me tell you about this tall,
gracious person who once upon a
time belonged to the Baltimore
brides and would have loved to
become an actress if people
hadn't been set in their ways and
she hadn't two little children to
put through school.

This same person was so exas-
perated with a friend because he
published a book on etiquette full
of misinformation when he really
knew better, that she determined
she would write a book on man-
ners that Americans could rely
upon. So all of us really owe
that misguided publisher a vote
of thanks for his hapless efforts,
because of which Emily Post set
to work to do a better job.

Best-Seller

For 10 months, 10 hours a day,
she worked on her "Book of
Etiquette." It was published in
1924 and ran as a best seller for
23 months straight. Demand for
it increased each year until 1943
when, with the war on, it slump-
ed for the first time.

"Over the years, however, there
have been many changes in etiq-
uette. Our forefathers lived
in a different world," Mrs. Post
said. "While they lived with a
certain formality, yet they were
single."

Then came the Edwardian era
with its big houses, big sleeves,
big meals, and many servants.
Today we are done with all that.
The present generation doesn't
care for elaborate living. Girls
don't even like hats.

"Times Change"

"Young couples do their own
work. They like their homes to
themselves. It is part of today's
freedom. They are proud of
their cooking, have their meals
when they like, and wouldn't
have a house with a bathroom
if you gave it to them (the
bathroom)."

"One day," and Mrs. Post's
rippling laugh rang out at the
thought, "nobody went to college.
I was! Involuntary. I fought
education. But I was good at
balls and tennis, and doing no-
thing. My headmistress once
confined to my father that I had
a mind but wouldn't use it."

"Then how did you come to be
a writer?" I asked, as I leafed
through the fine new edition of
"The Personality of a House," her
book on decorating.

"A bank failed somewhere, and
I had to do something," Mrs.
Post said. "But what? That
posed quite a question."
"One evening a friend who
was on the old Boston Transcript
came to see me. Eager to offer
some helpful ideas, he asked,
"Where are those letters you
wrote your father when you were
spending your days at house
parties in France, Germany, and
England?" (Every year we went
abroad and I wrote my father,
who was my complete com-
panion, everything I ever thought,
or dreamed, or saw.)

Letters Began It

"These letters were gay and
amusing. I dug them up and
my friend said, 'Emily, you
have a book here.'"
"It had never occurred to me
that I could write. I did the
first chapter over 38 times.

The Young Circle



For a youthful, fresh complexion,
to fire a dark dress or coat with color—
this engineered jersey hat on Virginia
Huston, whose blonde beauty can be
seen in RKO Radio pictures. Red,
beige and gold feathers are curled like
blooms and snared under the brim
at sides and in back; olive green gros-
grain ribbon rims the crown and falls
into short streamers.

At Your FINGERTIPS
by VICTOR MANAK

Is there anything I can do
to prevent an extremely sen-
sitive face from getting sun-
burned again this summer?

Sun and sensitive skin can
never be friends. Do not let the
sun play on your skin for a long
period at one time. Of course
you must make use of a good
sunburn oil or, better still, pure
olive oil, when out in the sun on
a beach. Massage it well into
your face and the exposed parts
of your body. Also wear a
straw hat on the beach when not
swimming.

If, however, you are not fond
of the beach and you still find
the summer sun too much for
your sensitive skin, it shows you
have an extremely dry skin.
You must correct this condition
by proper beauty care at night.
Use a rich, cleansing cream
specially meant for dry skins,
and after you have thoroughly
cleansed your face put on a
rich night cream and knead it
into your skin. After about
fifteen minutes, remove the sur-
plus with tissue, but do please
leave on a thin layer overnight.
If you are over thirty, I strongly
recommend a night cream
containing hormones and chole-
sterol.

For your make-up, use a
foundation that has a cream
base, or use a cream make-up
which can be used with or
without powder. Powder is often
used to dry, sensitive skins. Cream
make-ups are available in
various shades, keyed to today's
costume colours to keep your
face in smartest fashion.

My small girl has an ugly
birthmark on one side of her
face, fortunately quite small.
She is self-conscious about it,
and I was wondering if make-
up would help to hide it. As
she is so young I do not want
to use a make-up which will
contribute towards skin trou-
bles later in life. Can you
suggest any particular type of
cosmetic which will cover the
mark and still be easy to
apply and harmless to her
skin?

It appears that your small
girl has not even stepped into
her teens. If such is the case
give up all ideas of letting her
use any kind of make-up.

It also appears that you are
more concerned about it than
your little girl, and in all prob-
ability you have been trying to
camouflage her birthmark, and
thus made her self-conscious.
Since you say the mark is "for-
tunately quite small," I am sure
it is not such a deterrent to her
good looks as you or she might
imagine.

Birthmarks, scars and other
skin blemishes can be camou-
flaged quite successfully by using
darker foundations, but I strong-
ly suggest that you lay off all
such devices until your girl
reaches the proper age when she
can use make-up.

However, if the birthmark is
far out on the side, you may be
able to hide it by arranging her
hair in a way that it will cover
it. I do hope that can be done.

A few months ago our three-year engagement ended—
obstacles to marriage being insuperable. We agreed to part.
But knowing we have been strong is no consolation. Though
never a weeper, I give in to it (in secret, of course, nobody
knows). Useless to tick myself off for self-pity. Though despising
my weakness, should I let these bouts of weeping take their course
or is it less harmful to try "bottling them up"? —W.E.A.K.

Don't be too hard on yourself.
You have been through a combat
of instinctive wish and will. You
need some relief.
"Bottling up" the tears in the
early stages of an emotional crisis
tends to leave people psychically
exhausted. "Crying it out" is a
release, making way for a renewal
of courage.
You are not one to need a
washing machine, giving in easily.
Now I should judge you are
of those who are more exhausted
than weakened by giving way to
tears. But judge by results all the
same. Notice what the after-
effects are.
Don't strain either your courage
or your will. In all "overcoming"
it is good to avoid conflict by
listening to activities which absorb
all the attention, and companion-
ship which compels interest and
"giving." Not allowing oneself
to be pulled in which to grovel
and spend oneself in a futile give
and take.

"When it came to publishing it
I thought of Frank Crownin-
shield, who was with a firm of
publishers. Gathering my cour-
age I told him I had a book, and
here it was."

I thought he would read it then
and there, but he only asked me
to leave it. Later it was serializ-
ed in *Almanac's Magazine* and
came out in 1904 as "The Flight
of a Moth."

"Later, John O'Hara, Cosgrave,
Editor of *Everybody's Magazine*,
read my book and asked me to
do a few pieces for him. Never
shall I forget his helpfulness,
always encouraging me to write
facts and more facts, and never
to leave my readers in the air."

"My inheritance was a rich
one," Mrs. Post continued. "I
had a remarkable father who was
a noted architect. All the educa-
tion that I ever had derived from
the privilege of hearing my father
talk. People talked more in
those days, and talked well. It
was a privilege to be brought up
by people of his kind."

"Point so deeply interested in
architecture himself, he taught
me much. One thing was that
you must know how to live be-
fore you can build a house, he
taught me. He was a gracious
house can wear a gracious air."
The point to note about is that
what you do is well done accord-
ing to the standards which are
suitable to the way you choose
to live. Livability is so important.
I think you have to love your
home and live in it—then it even
grows to look you like."

Lamp Lighting Lore

From The Christian Science Monitor

Did you ever try using a
lamp to pick up "a room"? It's
being done often nowadays—
and with good results.

Time was when lamps were
on the bottom of the list of
home decorations. "Just any"
lamp would do. But not any
more.

Homemakers—not decorators
only—come in to showrooms
and ask—ask—ask—definitely—
tall lamps, even for bedrooms.
They shop about to find just the
right lamp, too.

"Educated at last!" exclaim
the manufacturers thankfully,
recalling long and diligent ef-
forts to get Mrs. Jones to buy
a lamp high enough so Mr.
Jones wouldn't have to
"scrounge" down under the shade
to find light for his reading.

Height, then, is one part
of the new lamp lore. Another
is the trend to strong colours and
away from the long-popular
vanilla tones.

There is variety in bases and
shades. Popular lamps in
America include a new breed
many patterns borrowed from
old-time French oil lamps. Fit-
ting well, as they do, among
either traditional or modern
furnishings, these designs have
continued in well accepted
since before the war.

One such lamp in this line
has tall, black, fluted shaft
with a square gold base. There
is a glass font for "oil," and
a brass wick fixture to carry
out the illusion of old-time.

For striking contrast there is a
large, bright green, metallic
shade, edged with a black vel-
vet and gold band at top and
bottom.

There are Chinese accents to
many lamps too. Bases of one
group of Chinese modern-lamps
are copied from old classic
vases.

Many of the new lamps are
36 inches tall. Even dressing
table lamps have grown higher.
Sized that, a white-back, were-
used in the living room only,
now adorn dressing or bedside
tables.

Lamp collections of Haeger's
long famous in the pottery field,
include some with Egyptian
pottery bases in oyster white
and soft green. Some of these
have shades of a plastic maker—

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Here is a topper
That might look cute
With coral and cream
Or filed with fruit.

Some might prefer—
Now, don't look askance—
A bouquet of roses
Or a couple of plants.

Or on a hot summer's day,
As you promenade,
Why not keep the bowl full
Of fresh lemonade?

Swim suits
go formal

Even on the beaches, come
summer, there will be found
more than a few extravagant
examples of the great-grand-
mother-modern trend in fashion.
High-styled bustles, pinks, and
drapery, usually associated with
more formal apparel, are seeking
a place with swim suits.

Sometimes swim-suit skirts
are drawn to the back in crisp
gathers to permit a draped sil-
houette.

Even the new waist cinchers
will appear on beaches. These
are planned for use either un-
derneath or outside bathing
suits. For nonswimmers they
are due to be popular, too, in
company with cotton blouses
and billowy skirts.

One or two-piece bathing
suits, usually strapless, come of-
ten as part of similar smart cot-
ton ensembles.

Elaborate suits of cotton will
also be in evidence. And one
American designer features an
elasticized shawl collar and
wide cuffs for a beach robe of
white pique.

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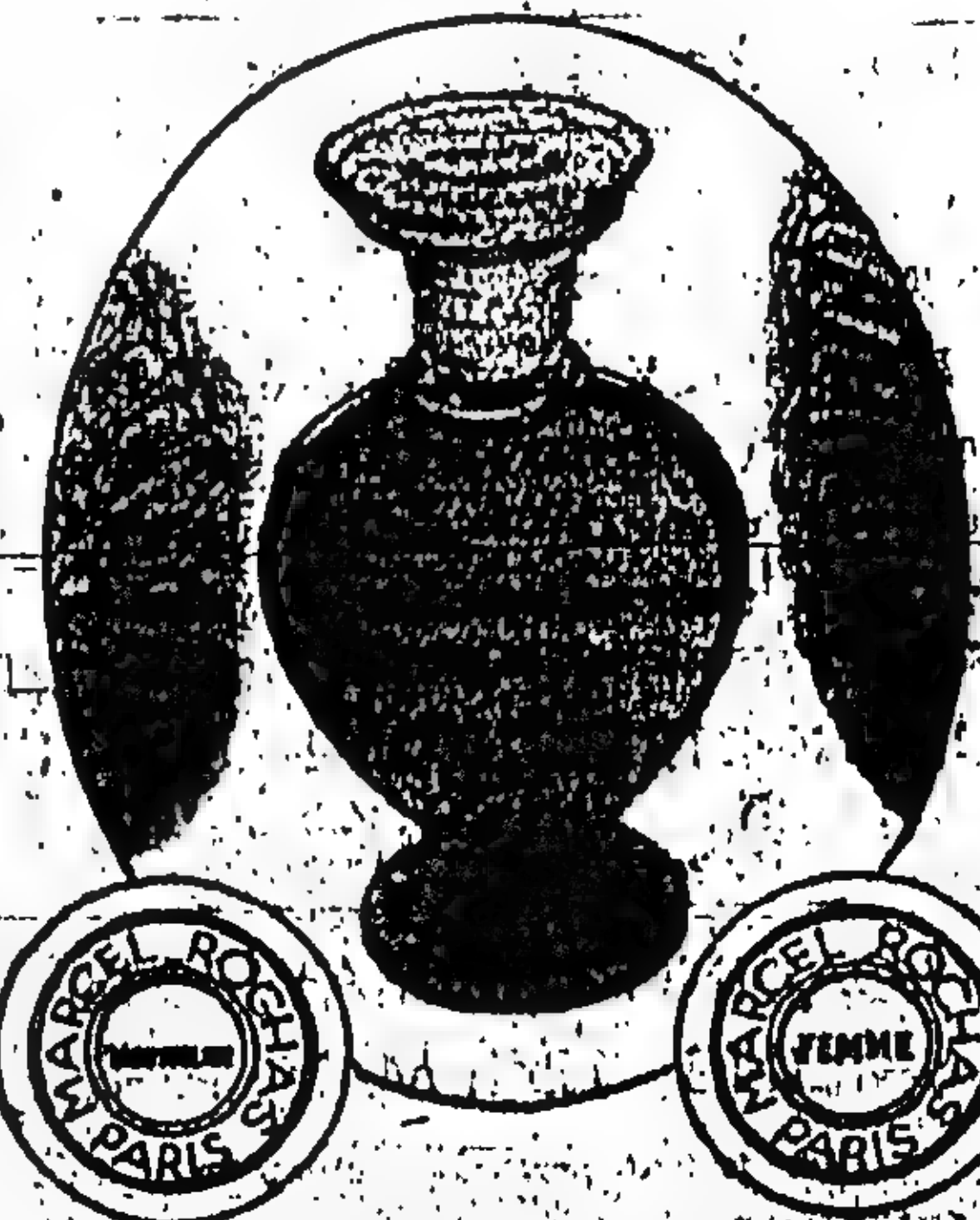
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Labour Questions In Orient

Rome, May 7. The Indian allegations that Britain and the United States were "helping to keep Indian and Ceylonese workers oppressed" were today the subject of protests by Mr. Vincent Tewson and Mr. James Carey, the British and American delegates to the World Federation of Trade Unions' Executive meeting here.

Mr. S. A. Wickrema Singh, representing India and Ceylon, blamed the British Government, the American Congress of Industrial Organisations and American capitalism for the "oppression."

Although the meeting was closed to the press, conference circles said Mr. Singh intervened during a discussion on trade union rights which involved also WFTU relations with the International Labour Office.

Apparently Mr. Singh objected to a motion before the Committee which suggested the question of restriction of the rights of trade unions in some countries should be eliminated from the Committee's report.

The delegate for India and Ceylon then apparently alleged it was necessary to place on record the suppression of workers' rights, particularly in India, and blamed the British Government and the Trade Union Congress for this state of affairs.

Fraud On Barclay's Bank

Asmara, May 8. Three Jewish merchants were convicted of defrauding Barclay's Bank of £107,500 and sentenced to gaol by a British court in Asmara today.

The accused, well-known Asmara brothers named Banin, were each sentenced to 14 years imprisonment. In addition they were each fined £700 with the alternative of three years imprisonment.

They were charged in Asmara on March 5 and tried under Italian law by the British court. Inspectors from Barclay's headquarters in London came here to help investigate the alleged fraud.

It was stated that the accused drew 19 dishonoured cheques through the Banco di Roma.

The brothers have the right to appeal.—Associated Press.

Aberdeen's Appeal To America

Aberdeen, May 7. Three-year-old Wilma Auld Crockett, for whom a supply of streptomycin was flown nearly 7,000 miles from San Francisco, was reported today to be "fairly comfortable" in the Royal Aberdeen infirmary.

The girl, seriously ill, was treated with streptomycin immediately after being admitted to the hospital on Thursday night.

The girl's mother, Mrs. Margaret Crockett, had cabled William Gault, her cousin, in San Francisco for the drug which was unavailable in Scotland.—Associated Press.

U.S. EXPORTS TO SOVIET

Washington, May 8. United States exports to Russia in the first two months of 1948 were less than half the monthly average of 1947, the Department of Commerce reported today.

The dwindling of trade followed the changed United States policy towards Russia. Tightened export controls required licences to ship industrial goods and all shipments that might add to the Soviet "war potential" have been subject to veto by the American military authorities since March 1.—Reuter.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, May 8. Stocks continued to climb selectively as many leaders slipped. Dealings were the heaviest in two weeks. Issues that the threatened rail strike would be averted, and the building material and optimism regarding business again inspired bidding.

Transfers totalled 1,570,000 shares. Top market trading to four points or less, were trimmed and minus signs appeared in most departments at the close. Gainers included Midcontinent Petroleum, Baltimore and Ohio, Sinclair Oil, Texas Company, Republic Aviation.

Fractional shares included Nickel Plate, Woolworth, United Aircraft. Dow Jones Average—Black 57.61, 20 Industrials 127.77, 15 Rails 58.85, 10 Utilities 54.54.

Closing quotations: Adams Express 10, Alaska Juneau 31/2, American Can 15, American Smelting 37, American Telephone 13 1/2, American Tobacco 5 1/2, American Waterworks 7 1/2, Anaconda Copper 26 1/2, Aviation Corp. 4 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 14 1/2, Baraball 4 1/2, Bendis Aviation 2 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 34, Boeing Aircraft 27 1/2, Borden Co. 40 1/2, Canadian Pacific 14 1/2, Case 48, Chrysler 57 1/2, Colgate 4 1/2, Commercial Solvents 24 1/2, Corn Products 20 1/2, DuPont 17 1/2, Eastman Kodak 45 1/2, Electric Light & Power 19 1/2, General Electric 58 1/2, Goodyear 4 1/2, Home-Save Mining 3 1/2, International Harvester 5 1/2, International Paper 59, International Tel. & Tel. 13, Johns-Manville 30 1/2, Kennecott Copper 54 1/2, Montgomery Ward 30 1/2, National Distillers 30 1/2, National Lead 35 1/2, New York Central 16 1/2, Packard Motors 4 1/2, Pan American Airways 9 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 19 1/2, Radio Corp. 11 1/2, Real Silk 18 1/2, Republic 20 1/2, Sears Roebuck 30 1/2, Shell Oil 30 1/2, Suncy Vacuum 10 1/2, Southern Pacific 54 1/2, Standard Brands 28 1/2, Standard Oil of Ind. 70 1/2, Standard Oil of N. J. 70 1/2, Studer-Lake 23 1/2, Union Bag 35, Union Carbide 11 1/2, US Rubber 44 1/2, US Steel 78 1/2, US Lines 19, Westinghouse 28 1/2, Youngman Sheet & Tube 75 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 12 1/2.—Associated Press.

Railway Sale To Uruguay

The financial editor of the "Daily Telegraph" said today that the directors of six British railway companies, to be sold to Uruguay, had agreed on a plan for distributing the sales money which should satisfy all stockholders.

The stockholders of each company must approve the sale, or the whole agreement will fall through.

The Daily Telegraph said: "As in the case of the Argentine railways, the directors had to reconcile conflicting claims of holders of the price charge stocks with those of junior stocks. For most part holders of senior stocks get their pound of flesh or something closely approximating to it while ordinary stockholders are offered what looks like a reasonably generous payment for their subsistence value."—United Press.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London: Silver, Spot, fine ounce, 45d; Forward, fine ounce, 45d; Bar, gold, per fine ounce, 127/3.

New York: Silver, Bar, (asked price) 74 1/2 cts.; Bar, gold, per fine ounce (official) 35 1/2.

Bombay: Silver: Ready, per 100 tolas, 178 Rupees, 12 Annas; Forward, per 100 tolas 176, 12; Marwar (unofficial) 177, -01.

Gold: Delivered, per tola 110, 07; Forward (unofficial) 110, 07; Sovereign 74, 00.

One tola equals 3 1/2 of an ounce.

Buenos Aires: Sovereign, buyers 98.00, sellers 99.99; U.S. Eagles, 100.00b, 105.00b; Gold, Bar, Per Gramme, 8.40b.

Bangkok: Gold, Bar, per baht-weight of 15.244 Grammes, 538 (less Exchange Rate (selling), Bangkok on New York T.T. 21.00; London 60.50; Hong Kong 3.35.

Paris Free Gold Prices: Napoleon 4,050 Frs.; French 10 franc coins 1,800; Swiss franc 3,950; Union Latine 3,900; Sovereign 5,225; Half Sovereigns 2,600; U.S. Dollar coin (\$10) 9,700; Sovereigns (in free dollars per ounce) 72.5; Napoleons (in free dollars per ounce) 70.8; U.S. Dollar notes (in black-market) 355.

Paris Free Market Rates: Ingots: Fine Gold Ingots, with delivery of Counterpart, put gramme Frs. 234/244; Without counterpart 535/555, 520/555; Silver Ingots, per Kilo 5,700b, 5,500a; Platinum Ingots, per Kilo 800,000b, 855,000a.—Reuter.

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SHIP	Discharging Hong Kong	23rd May
M.V. BRYNJE	" "	Mid July
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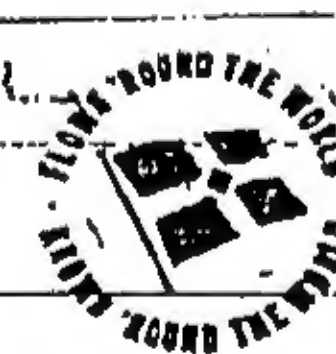
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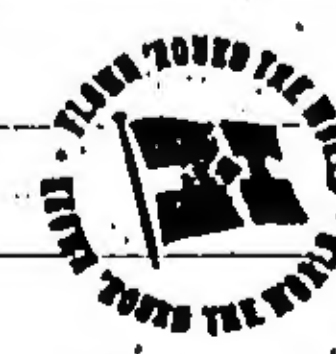
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Information
On Colonel
Refused

London, May 8.

High Government quarters today ordered a complete news blackout on the whereabouts of the Soviet Colonel Tasyev, who has taken political refuge in Britain.

The Foreign Office refused to go beyond reiterating that Col Tasyev was now residing in the United Kingdom.

The secret about Col Tasyev has been kept so well that no British newspapers are able to carry anything on his escape except the official statement of the Foreign Office spokesman. However, Russian-language broadcasts of the BBC have given great prominence to the arrival of Col Tasyev in Britain. His escape was actually broadcast to Soviet audiences by the Foreign Office confirmed the news.

It was believed that Col Tasyev, after some respite, will inform the world in one way or another about the reasons prompting him to leave the services of the Soviet State.—United Press.

Harriman
For Paris

Washington, May 7.

Mr. Averell Harriman, riving Ambassador for the Marshall Plan, will leave New York by air on Sunday for Paris where he will have talks with representatives of the 16 Marshall countries. He will return to Washington in about 10 days. Mr. Harriman, the Marshall plan administrator, said here today.

Mr. Harriman will then confer with Mr. Hoffman and other officials of the economic co-operation administration before returning to set up permanent headquarters in Paris. Mr. Harriman will meet the Executive Committee of the organization for European Economic Co-operation in Paris early next week.

Mr. Ambrose Chambers, President of American Aid to France, Incorporated, will go with him to Paris. Mr. Chambers, a lawyer in Paris from 1927 until the start of the war, later served as a naval attaché at Lisbon.—Reuter.

Schooner
Gutted

St. John's, Newfoundland, May 7.

The chartered wrecking of the schooner Ariel (187 tons), believed to be Swedish, was towed into harbour here today after the crew had been rescued by a United States Navy tanker when the ship caught fire last night.

The tanker rescued the crew near the Bay of Bulls when a fire swept through the ship, destroying a large part of its cargo. The tanker, after picking up the crew, took the blazing vessel in tow until an American tug took over.

The remains of the cargo of empty oil barrels was today being unloaded.—Reuter.

AIR MINISTRY
APPOINTMENT

London, May 8.

The Air Ministry announced last night that Air Marshal Sir Charles B.H. Maudslayi had been appointed head of the Air Force Staff of the British Point Services Mission at Washington, effective this month.

Sir Charles, 52 and a former RAF Commander in the Mediterranean, succeeds Air Chief Marshal Sir Guy R. Carrod, who has completed his term of duty in the post.—Associated Press.

SHIPPING
PETITION

Shanghai, May 8.

Chinese shipping companies are petitioning the Executive Yuan to seek permission from the United States Government for transporting part of American aid supplies which will be purchased with the recently approved \$463 million China aid programme, the China Press learned today.

The petition stated that China now owns more than 200,000 tons of ocean-going ships, which should be made use of whenever there is an opportunity.—Reuter.

KWANGTUNG'S SPECIAL
US AID NEEDS

Canton, May 8.

Governor T. V. Soong, in a news conference yesterday afternoon, said that under the U.S. aid programme to China, rice and cotton are available for the whole country but Kwangtung has special needs which he has requested the Control Authorities to fulfill.

Dr. Soong said there was no special significance in the recent visit of U.S. Ambassador J. Leighton Stuart to Canton. (Ambassador Stuart said at that time he was here on a routine visit.)

Governor Soong discussed the riparian farms. He assured the press that under his administration, bandits and others will have no chance to harvest the crops secretly or by force, as was done last year.

In an effort to improve the provincial administration, Governor Soong said he had dismissed during his tenure 100,000 county magistrates placed nine under trial by the law courts and investigated the activities of four others.

When a reporter inquired on the development of Whangpo into a deep water port, the Governor replied that Nanking had appropriated CN\$200,000, 000,000 here for the same use. In answer to an inquiry about banditry in Hainan Island, Dr. Soong said the parrison there were only 7,000, but he being increased and the bandits will be held in check.

Governor Soong touched on the coal situation in Canton for electric power and industries. He said Canton has to buy coal from Formosa and pay in Formosan currency which is going up all the time. He revealed that the highway linking Dog's Teeth Cave in north Kwangtung with the Canton-Hankow Railway had been completed and coal from this mine there could be transported to Canton at the rate of 3,000 tons a month.

The Governor added that as soon as the branch railroad to Dog's Teeth Cave is completed, Canton will have an adequate supply.

Lt. Gen. Huang Chin-chiu, head of the provincial forces, made a brief report on the banditry situation, stressing that the suppression measure is 30 percent by military strength and 70 percent by political means.—Associated Press.

US Envoy
To India

Washington, May 7.

The State Department announced today that Mr. Henry F. Grady, United States Ambassador to India, last Monday presented to King Tribhuvan his credentials as American Minister to the Kingdom of Nepal.

Accompanied by officials of the New Delhi Embassy and the Calcutta Consulate General, Mr. Grady travelled to Kathmandu, where he was received by the King and by the Maharaja Mohan Shun Shere Jung Bahadur Rana, who recently became Prime Minister of Nepal.

On Feb. 19, Commanding General Kaiser Shum Shere Jung Bahadur Rana, Nepalese Ambassador to Great Britain, presented his credentials to President Truman as the first Minister of Nepal to the United States.—Reuter.

POWER TO SEIZE
RAILWAY

Washington, May 7.

The Attorney General, Mr. Tom Clark, confirmed today that President Truman had power to order the railways should the 180,000 engineers, firemen and engine-men strike next Tuesday. He had advised the President to that effect but has no knowledge of any seizure orders in anticipation.

The dispute arose when employers rejected the unions' wage claims.—Reuter.

Paris, May 7.

Two hundred and fifty child welfare specialists from 10 European countries gathered here today for a three-month course organized by the International Children's Organisation of the United Nations.—Reuter.

LABOUR
REBELS
COME TO
HEEL

London, May 8.

An official source said today that 21 Socialist Members of Parliament acting under threat of expulsion from their Party have promised to "follow Labour's general policy" in the future.

On the surface the pledges appeared to have broken the last remnants of organised leftist resistance within the Parliamentary Labour Party to the British Government's anti-Communist policies.

Letters containing their pledges were delivered on Thursday, the deadline set by the executive for them to promise to toe the Party line.

The London Daily Herald, official organ of the Labour movement, said, "some criticised the executive's action," although pledging to support it in the future.—Associated Press.

COMMUNIST
MIDDLE EAST
INVASION

Beirut, May 7.

The great powers would soon realise "the great mistake of letting the Communist danger invade the Middle East in the garb of Zionism," M. Chamille Chamoun, Lebanese Home Minister and United Nations delegate, stated here today.

M. Chamoun warned the Arab peoples about the "grave situation in Palestine and the danger of Zionist conquest."

Addressing a press conference, he blamed the Arab League and the Arab States for relying too much on political manoeuvres and overlooking the need for coordinated military operations. He appealed to all Arabs to take a firm stand "while there is time" to ward off the danger, especially to the Lebanon, which stood within the battle zone.—Reuter.

RECORD HAUL
OF FISH

Grimsby, May 8.

What is believed to be a world's record haul in a catch of fish was landed at Grimsby today by the Icelandic trawler Neptune.

The 350 tons of fish were sold for £10,000.

The previous best was landed by the Hull trawler Man O' War in March last year. It made £10,000.

Neptune's skipper, B. Ingimarsen and his crew of 31 were only 12 days on the fishing grounds.

Before sailing for Grimsby, he had to call at Reykjavik and land 200 kits of fish which were still on the deck because no room could be found for them below.—(One kit equals 10 stone).—

Leeds, May 8.

The University of Leeds awarded Lewis Douglas, U.S. Ambassador to Britain, an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws today.—Associated Press.

Methodist
Peace
Resolution

Boston, May 6.

The Methodist General Conference tonight adopted a peace resolution recommending efforts to improve relations with Russia and prevent war.

Adopted with only six dissenting votes, the resolution opposes war as contrary to Christianity and urges Americans to seek understanding with the Russians. "Neither the people of the Soviet Union nor the United States desire war," it says.

By its adoption by the General Conference, the war and peace report now becomes the official stand of the Methodist Church.

It calls for action to prevent war by nearly 10,000,000 church members in this country and overseas. They also are charged to make every effort to change the prevailing mood which "we believe conducive to war." The statement recognises the need for national defence but it calls for halting the armaments race and recommends formation of a world government to bring about permanent peace.—Associated Press.

Hoffman
Dishing
It Out

Washington, May 7.

Allocations approved by Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, the Marshall aid administrator, today brought to \$110,629,337 the total aid so far authorised under the \$5,300 million programme for Europe during the next 12 months.

The figure does not include transportation costs estimated at \$5,851,000.

The allocation for Denmark—the first made to that country—includes 536 long tons of crude soy bean oil, worth \$328,000, and 2,000 long tons of protein food (peanut meal), valued at \$200,000.

The other allotments were: Austria—18,000 long tons of wheat valued at \$1,076,000; Greece—2,250 short tons of fertilisers worth \$214,920.

Holland—4,400,000 pounds of linseed oil valued at \$1,291,000.—Reuter.

Czechs Flee
To Germany

Munich, May 7.

Czechs who refuse to bow to Communist rule are fleeing into Germany by air now.

Two planes landed at separate fields near Munich, Wednesday. It was disclosed today:

In one, a commercial liner, the passengers "abandoned" the pilot at the point of a gun.

In the other, a small two-seater, the pilot "shanghaied" a passenger.

The air liner came down at Erding, a United States fighter base 25 miles from Munich. Three young men and two girls told American officers they were responsible. The pilot and radio operator, "embarrassed and disgruntled, had nothing to do with them nor would they join in conversation.—Associated Press.

ECONOMIC
SURVEY

Madras, May 8.

The secretary for the United Nations Economic Commission for the Far East and Asia is commencing here on June 1 a week actively engaged in the preparation of a comprehensive survey of the economic conditions, governing population, national income, agriculture, banking, public finance, price structure, international trade, transport and communications.—Associated Press.

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"ORBITA"	Shanghai	5th June
"TREVISE"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	17th June
"TREVEAN"	Japan	22nd June

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"CANTON"	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said & London (Tilbury)	noon 15th May
"TREVEAN"	Shanghai & Japan	28th May
"TREVILYAN"	Singapore, Penang, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam)	30th May
"ORBITA"	Shanghai & Japan	6th June
"TREVISE"	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam)	21st June

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ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"SANGOLA"	Japan & Amoy	20th May

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SHIP	TO	SAILING
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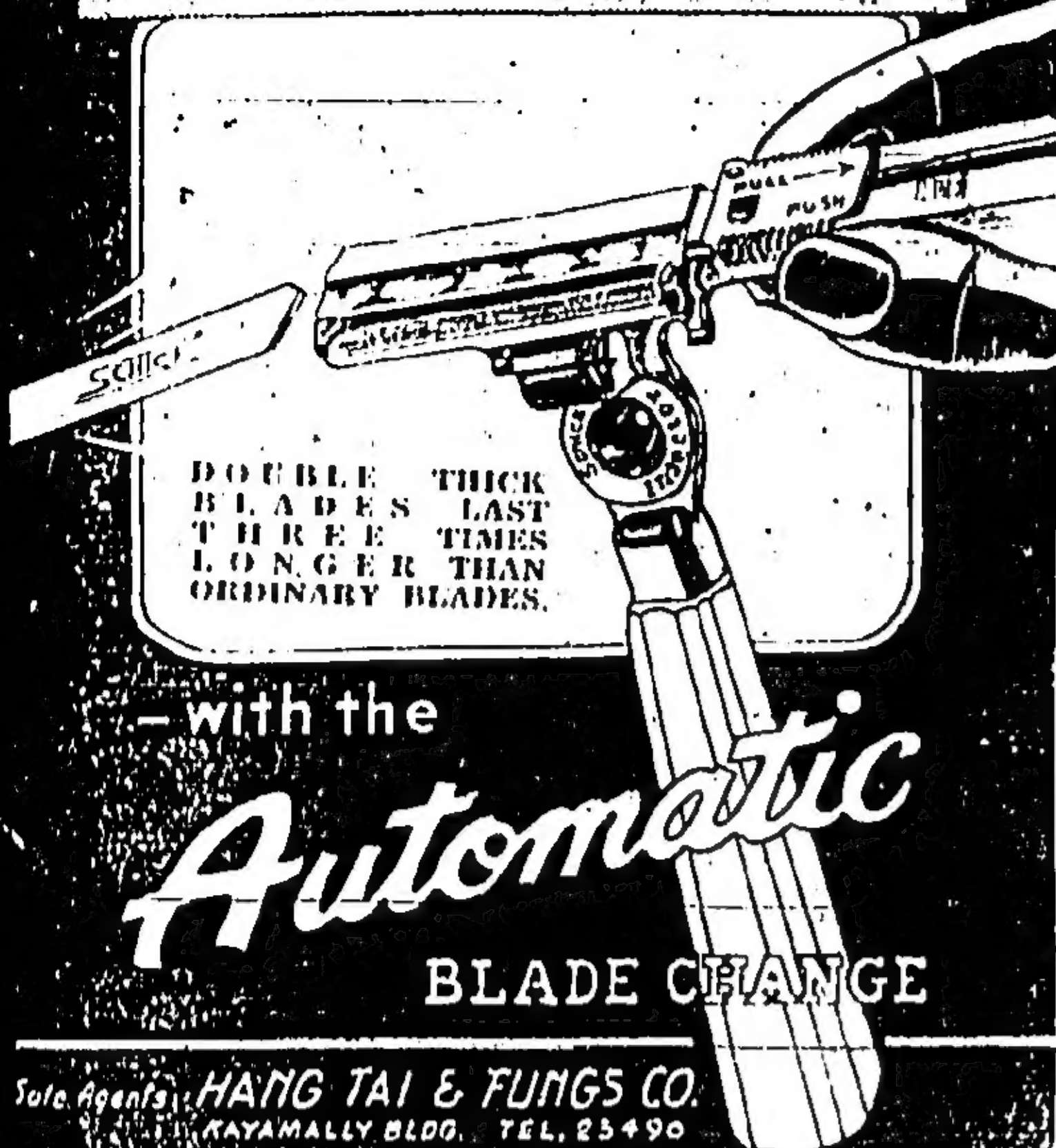
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SHIP	TO	SAILING
"NANKIN"	Shanghai & Japan	8 a.m. 10th May
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MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.
NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits etc. Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 9.30 a.m. each day. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. the first day and at 10 a.m. on the second day. Both Offices at 4th Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Jockey (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.
Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties but must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,

S. A. Stead,
Actg. Secretary.



In this camp at Richmond Park, Surrey, 1,500 competitors will be housed.

When The World Comes To Britain

Some time in the next week a torch will be lit in the ancient village of Olympia, Greece.

By night it will be borne by runners up through Italy, Switzerland, France and across the Channel to England—the Torch of Olympia carried 2,000 miles to the 14th Modern Olympic at Wembley Stadium.

Yesterday at Olympic Committee H.Q. I learned the first full plans for the "running" of the Torch from Olympia to London—gathers what its arrival at Wembley will mean to some 6,000 competitors and 80,000 visitors.

Primarily it will mean the end of two years' planning by Olympic Games Committees throughout the world the beginning of the greatest sports spectacle yet staged in the 50 years of the Olympic Games.

For the first time for 40 years Britain has been chosen to play the part of Olympic host. In terms of organisation that means planning anything and everything from the transport of boats, horses and sports gear to Wembley, to installing ultra-modern radio network to keep in touch with cross-country runners.

Biggest Olympic headache so far has been accommodation so big that a special bureau has been set up to deal with over 50,000 athletes.

So far, in answer to accommodation appeals 700 households in the Wednesday area alone have offered rooms—most Bed and Breakfast. Altogether there have been nearly 5,000 offers of accommodation including schools offering their dormitories.

Dormitory Camps

Only rarely are exorbitant prices asked. In some cases, however, rooms of £12 to £20 a week are being demanded for furnished rooms in Wembley.

Meanwhile, experts are solving the problem of boarding competitors and officials. Three will be no Olympic village—but Army H.A.F. camps will accommodate 4,500-10 schools will put up 2,000 more. To help erect special "dormitory camps" Finland has sent 50 tons of timber—but even so, camps will still cost up to £25,000.

Money Market

Gold was quiet yesterday, closing at \$322.00 and yesterday at \$322.00. It went down to \$320.50 shortly after the market opened but quickly recovered to \$323.75.

Total deliveries were 9,100 tons (gold 4,100 tons, platinum 5,000 tons). Plaster opened at \$11.62½ and closed at \$10.97½ a ton.

Chinese National Currency opened at 5.95 cents for futures and 6 cents for spot (for \$100,000) and remained unchanged throughout the day.

Trails improved slightly to \$25.55 a 100. NRI Golders were lower at \$43.20 a 100.

U.S. dollars steadied after their sharp fall, and were quoted at \$4.47½.

Sterling was unchanged at \$13.75, and so were Australian pounds at \$12.54.

JOHN ASHWIN gives the inside facts about the months of preparation for the first Olympic Games contests in Britain for 40 years, which will open on July 29.

Besides dormitories there will be medical, dental and massage centres—writing rooms, lounges, saunas, milk bars, newsagents, laundries, shoe shops, post offices, banks, theatre booking kiosks—and a cinema.

At the Stadium itself, where tournaments are expected to click to the tune of at least £100,000, 2 exits will be ready in case of emergencies. They will be equipped with clearing people in two minutes.

Seventeen sports—138 events from fencing to canoeing—have required the building of photographic cameras 60-ft. above the tracks. Photographs will be ready for the judges 80 seconds after the end of each race.

To ensure accurate timing the firing of the starter's pistol will automatically set off watches at the finishing posts. The watches themselves will be serviced and checked daily.

Second biggest problem troubling Olympic organisers was food

—until American promised to send enough food for all. Overseas competitors will have special diets cooked by chefs brought with them.

To ensure the best possible training facilities, 60 sports grounds and arenas, including athletic and cycle tracks, swimming pools and football pitches have been set aside.

By permission of the King the Grand International cycle race will take place in Windsor Great Park over a six-hour course.

Nor have the stay-at-home sports fans been forgotten.

No Discrimination

Over 400 radio commentators from 52 countries, broadcasting in 44 languages, will give daily news of the Games to the world. And to avoid over-publicity by any one country—an advantage taken by the Nazis in the 1936 Games at Berlin—this time will be of the same size for every nation.

But even so, there will be a reminder of pre-war days.

The Olympic ceremonial flag, discovered by British occupation troops in a bank vault after the Battle of Berlin, will be on view again.

Finally, 54 countries—the greatest ever number—have accepted the British invitation to Wembley, and the organising committee of the 14th Olympic Games is making sure that when the King opens the Games at four o'clock on July 29—none of them will be disappointed.

Russia May "Risk Showdown"

Washington, May 8.

The House Armed Services Committee said that Russia may "risk a showdown with the United States at any moment," according to the Committee report issued today.

The gravely worded majority report on the Selective Service Bill said this "new and ominous possibility" was raised by the recent Soviet moves in Europe.

The Committee warned Russia may move soon "on the assumption the future can bring only a worsening Soviet position" and added "It is in order to deter any such rash decision on the part of the Soviet Government that it is imperative for the United States to transform a reasonable measure of its armed strength from potential to actual."

The report called for speedy Congressional action on the two-year 19 through to 25 Draft Bill which it approved on Monday.

"Programme For War"

The five-man minority filed a report denouncing the Draft Bill "as a programme for war" and charged the Army deliberately

help up the voluntary recruiting programme to make draft and universal training look necessary.

The chairman of the Committee, Walter Andrews, hopes to bring the Draft Bill to the House floor for vote on May 17 or 18. Draft legislation is also being prepared in the Senate.

The majority said draft "is the necessary response to the specific, aggressive and dangerous actions on the part of the Soviet Union" and cited the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia, pressure in Finland, Soviet diplomatic "probing" in the Scandinavian Peninsula and the "severe and menacing resolutions" put on American occupation troops in Germany.

The group took a slap at "those who are inclined to think air power as the panacea for national security" and said a 70-group force is not a substitute for Selective Service.

Dawey Short headed the group opposing Draft—United Press.

Communist Columns Converge

Shanghai, May 8.

Chinese Government troops today began manning the outer defences of the southeast Hunan city of Nanyang as several Communist columns continue to converge rapidly on this "gateway to north Hupeh", pro-Government front line despatches reported.

Although the Communists are known to be bringing up further reinforcements from the north and east of Hunan for the siege, Government military headquarters in Hankow—only city in southwest Hunan to be garrisoned by regular Government troops—will be able to cope with all Red attacks.

Nationalist war-planes were again actively participating in defence operations, but failed to prevent Red columns from storming into Tongshan, 30 miles southwest of Nanyang.

Manchuria Lull

Meanwhile, there are growing indications that the lull in Manchuria will soon be broken. Developments on the Government side within the past 24 hours included the arrival of General Chao Chia-hsien, Chief-of-Staff to General Wei Li-huang, Commander-in-Chief in Manchuria in Nanking for a conference with President Chiang Kai-shek on the military situation in the northeast, and the appointment of General Fan Han-chieh, Commander of the Nationalist forces in the northeast, to be deputy commander-in-chief in Manchuria.

General Fan will establish his headquarters at Changchun, strategic railway city 120 miles from Mukden, and will be responsible for the defence of the vital Liaoning corridor.

In preparation for their next offensive, the Communists are reported to have shifted large forces to the south bank of the Sungari river, moved a sizeable army near the commanding centre of Fushun, about 20 miles north-east of Mukden, moved several Mongolian units southward from Kungchun, 40 miles southeast of Changchun, and to have started probing attacks against Government positions south of Mukden.

On the Manchurian-Jehol border, Communist General Li Yang-chia is reported to have completed the regrouping of his forces for fresh operations in Chinchow.—Reuter.

Pacification Conference

Marking, May 8.

China's Government national pacification conference today to study new ways of defeating the Chinese Communists.

Garrison contingents and non-combatant Communist areas were called in to give their ideas on what to do.

The chief speaker was Wang Feng-shan, a former Communist leader who has been given a free hand to organize a model community near Peiping. His arrival here has taken the form of a celebration, with the Nationalists making much of him. Top Government men will closely study his plans.

Chiang Kai-shek is said to be convinced that American equipment alone cannot defeat the Reds. He wants to return to his old anti-Communist slogan, "Seventy percent political, 30 percent military."—Associated Press.

Japs Held In Siberian Concentration Camps

Resbunjima, May 8.

Thousands of political prisoners from Russian satellite countries are being held in concentration camps in Siberia, according to Japanese who have been repatriated from there since the war.

A number of Japanese fishermen from this island were in the Japanese army and captured in Manchuria by the Russians. They said they were taken into Siberia and held in camps along-side camps where the Russians kept these "anti-Stalin" prisoners from countries under Russian influence in Eastern Europe.

These Japanese, many of whom only got back here this last winter, said they did not know the exact location of the camps but said they saw many of them and many of the inmates.

They said the camps were four days by train and two more by truck from Vladivostok. They said the camps were heavily guarded by Russian troops to prevent prisoners from escaping.

Heavy Labour.
The political prisoners, the Japanese said, were forced to do heavy labour for the Russians, heavier tasks than Japanese prisoners of war were required to perform.

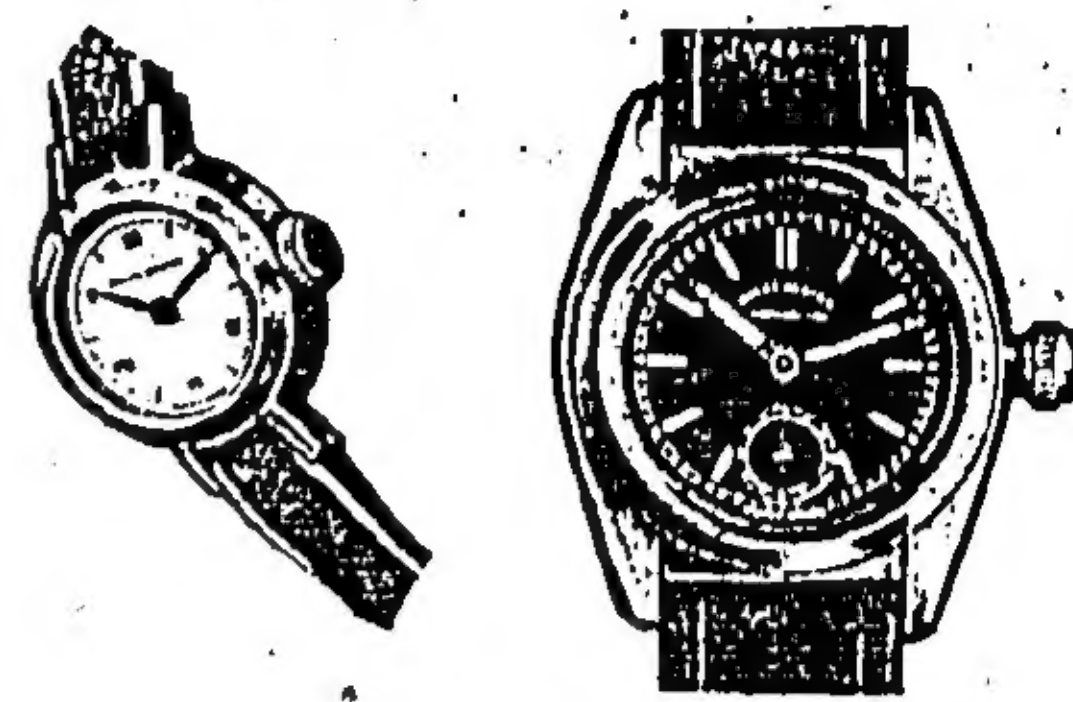
The Japanese said they were surprised they were permitted to return to Japan. The people on this island had long given up their sons for lost and never expected to see them alive again.

The Japanese said the Russians never gave them enough to eat. They said they assumed the political prisoners likewise were underfed.

The Japanese said that just about every country behind the Iron Curtain was represented in the concentration camps. They said they even saw some Italians.

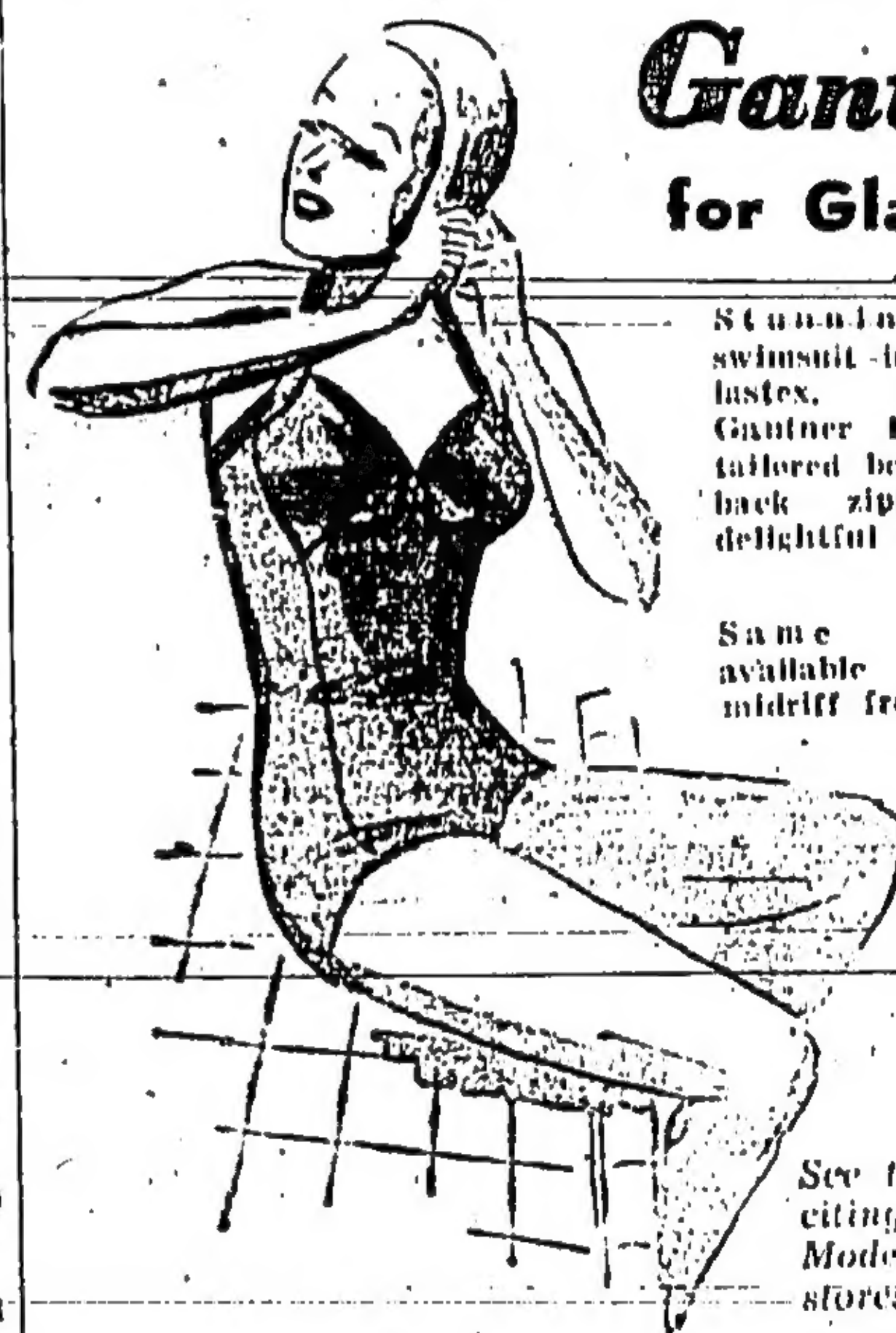
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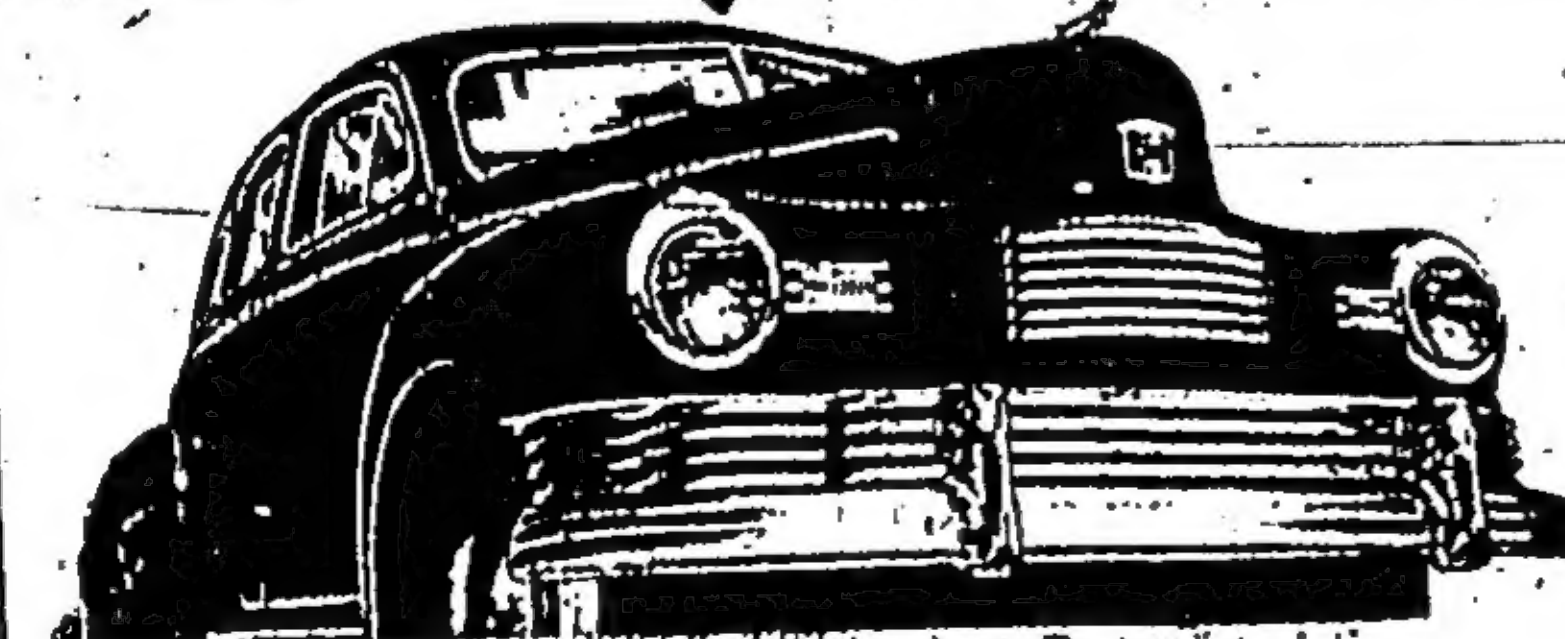
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